



February 8, 2021

City Manager James Vega
City of Ojai
401 S. Ventura Street
Ojai, CA 93023

Subject: Active Transportation Program Improvement to Maricopa Highway

Dear Mr. Vega:

The Casitas Municipal Water District appreciates the City's efforts to improve public safety through transportation projects implemented by its Public Works Department. Casitas is a public agency that also shares a responsibility in protecting public safety, and has existing water pipelines under Maricopa Highway that provide drinking water to homes, businesses and other important facilities in the area.

- Portions of the proposed project involves tree plantings in the close proximity of Casitas' existing drinking-water pipeline, which can increase likelihood of pipeline failure resulting in water outages and costly repairs. Please consider revisions to those plantings in the vicinity of the District's pipelines.
- Close coordination with District staff of any proposed construction activities along the pipeline's alignment (including potholing) should be observed. Pipeline alignment information provided by Casitas are often obtained from construction records and should be considered approximate.

Casitas appreciates the City's careful attention these issues of Casitas' drinking water infrastructure in relation to this project and looks forward to working closely with the City as the design of the project moves toward final completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Flood".

Michael Flood
General Manager

Cc: Greg Grant, Public Works Director
Lillian Cai, CalTrans
Susan Tse, CalTrans