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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Coachella Valley Water District
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE PHASE IIIA-2 TRANSMISSION MAIN, VALLEY VIEW MOBILE HOME PARK WATER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2019079095

Dear Mr. William Patterson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board, DDW) is responsible for issuing water supply permits pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment or a waiver or alternative from Waterworks Standards (California Code of Regulations (CCR) title 22, chapter 16 et. seq). The above referenced Project may require a new or amended water supply permit.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under CEQA, has the following comments on the County's draft MND.

- The Project involves the consolidation of nine small water systems into the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) potable water system over several phases. The original 2019 CEQA document included demolition of the wells. However, it is unknown, once consolidated, if CVWD's existing wells will meet the drinking water demand. Some of the newly incorporated systems' wells may need to be used for drinking water. Addition of wells to the CVWD system would trigger a discretionary action for the State Water Board, DDW. If CVWD's current wells will not meet the drinking water demand, needed wells and connection piping to the CVWD system must be analyzed in a CEQA document.
- Prior to use, newly installed water mains, or water mains that have been taken out of service for maintenance or repair, shall be disinfected..." (title 22, division 4, chapter 16, article 5, section 64580). Water mains may also require flushing during their operational life. For water mains that require disinfection or flushing during the operation and/or construction of the system, please explain where the water will be discharged, any discharge procedures that will be implemented to protect water quality, and any associated permits needed, as a result. (Note: Drinking Water discharges to Waters of the US may fall under waste discharge ID 4DW0526 the Statewide General NPDES Permit 2014-0194-DWQ for Drinking Water Systems Discharges, another general permit, individual permit, or waiver).

When the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with your permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Riverside District Office:

- Copy of the draft and final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP)

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- Any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the MND and MMRP; and
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Riverside County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Manuel Delgado of the State Water Board, DDW Riverside District Office, at (619) 525-4408 or Manuel.Delgado@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements.

Sincerely,

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