



October 11, 2022

Solano County
Attn: Eric Wilberg
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SOLANO COUNTY, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE U-19-09 (E & C WINERY) PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2021020257

Dear Mr. Eric Wilberg:

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. The proposed Project may create a new public water system. If so, the new public water system would require a domestic water supply permit. A project requires a water supply permit if it includes the creation of a new water system or a permit amendment for changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment.

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

- The MND is unclear on the number of people who will be served by the water system. The Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, Article 1, section 116275 [h] defines a "Public water system" as, "a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year". Please provide the estimated number of people that will be served by the new water system at least 60 days out of the year.
- If the Project will create a new public water system, please address the following in the document:
 - Add "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water" to the "Agencies that May Have Jurisdiction over the Project" list, (PDF page 16).
 - The document references the California Department of Health several times in relation to the regulation of public water systems. Authority to regulate public water systems transferred from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board on July 1, 2014. Please update the document to reflect the State Water Board as the agency that regulates public water systems in California.
 - Describe the estimated sizes of the fire tank and domestic tank for phases I and II, and what components will be connected to the domestic water system.
 - Discuss if treatment may be required for the water from the new well.
 - The document indicates "Water will be provided by wells and Suisun-Solano Water Authority" (PDF Page 47.) Please clarify in this section what source will be used for drinking water.

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- Please discuss how much groundwater will be needed for the Project (domestic and irrigation) and address if there are sufficient supplies to serve the Project.
- If the treatment ponds will be implemented as part of this Project, please indicate the planned location for the new domestic well in relation to the ponds and other potential sources of contamination.

If the new water system will require a water supply permit, once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of the public water system's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW San Francisco District Office at DWPDIST04@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the draft and final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- Copy of 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 date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Solano County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Guidance for submitting a complete public water supply permit application to the DDW San Francisco District, including submittal of the required preliminary technical report at least 6-months prior to water-related construction, can be found on the DDW program website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Permits.html.

Please contact Lori Schmitz of the State Water Board at (916) 449-5285 or Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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