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Riverside County
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RIVERSIDE COUNTY (COUNTY), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE RENAISSANCE RANCH DRAFT EIR PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2021030301

Dear Mr. Russell Brady:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board, DDW) is responsible for issuing domestic water supply permits pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Elsinore Valley Water District (District) will require issuance of a water supply permit for this Project. A project triggers the need for a water supply permit amendment if it includes changes to a public water system's 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 EIR:

- Under Section 1.5 Responsible and Trustee Agencies, PDF page 96, please add, "The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water is responsible for the issuance of a domestic water supply permit."
- In Table 3-5 Matrix of Project Approvals/ Permits, PDF Page 144, please add under "Other Agencies-Subsequent Approvals and Permits" in the first column "State Water Board, DDW" and in the second column "Approval of a water supply permit amendment."
- The CEQA document indicates "Following approval of implementing discretionary actions, ministerial actions also would be necessary to implement the proposed Project. These include, but are not limited to, grading permits, building permits, encroachment permits/road improvements, drainage infrastructure improvements, water and sewer infrastructure improvements, stormwater permits(s) (NPDES), and State and federal resource agency permits" (PDF page 143). Please note that not all water infrastructure improvements are ministerial. Please update this statement to reflect this. For a list of water infrastructure improvements that may trigger a discretionary permit for public water systems, please refer to the California Waterworks Standards, Chapter 16, Article 2, section 64556 Permit Amendments.
- The document discusses the need for a new offsite water supply reservoir. In PDF page 133 the EIR states, "An additional 1601 Pressure Zone Reservoir is required within the existing 1601 Horsethief Pressure Zone Reservoir site located approximately 0.7 miles to the south to meet exiting deficiencies and serve the demands of the proposed Project and surrounding community." The County's Environmental Assessment Checklist discussions include construction and operational impacts in the on-site development area and noise impacts for the installation of offsite piping, with no mention of the

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evaluation of the new tank construction and operational impacts. In the County's Environmental Assessment Checklist, please include a discussion on the impacts of the construction and operation of the tank or explain the future tiered document that will be prepared to cover the evaluation of these impacts prior to approval of the Project.

Once the EIR is certified, please forward the following items in support of the District's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Riverside District Office at DWPDIST20@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the draft and final EIR, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC), and Findings;
- Copy of any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the EIR, MMRP, SOC and Findings; 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 Lori Schmitz of the State Water Board at (916) 449-5285 or Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions regarding State Water Board CEQA comments.

Sincerely,

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