



State Water Resources Control Board

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California State University, Sacramento
Attn: Ms. Tania Nunez
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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO (CSUS), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE SACRAMENTO STATE- PLACER CENTER MASTER PLAN PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2021060116

Dear Ms. Tania Nunez:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the EIR 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 Project is within the jurisdiction of the State Water Board, DDW's Sacramento District. DDW Sacramento District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to the public water systems serviced with a new or modified source of domestic water supply or new domestic water system components pursuant to Waterworks Standards (Title 22 CCR chapter 16 et. seq.). A public water system requires a new water supply permit amendment for changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment and for the operation of new water system components- as specified in the Waterworks Standards. The Placer County Water Agency will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the CSUS's EIR:

- Under Section "2.6 Potential Permits and Approvals Required", Table 2-14 (page 2-81) please add to the State Water Resources Control Board's permits and approvals, the domestic water supply permit amendment from the Division of Drinking Water.
- The EIR erroneously identifies the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin, South American Subbasin as the groundwater basin in the Project area and the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority as the groundwater sustainable agency (PDF page 350). However, according to the Department of Water Resource's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Basin Prioritization Dashboard the Project falls within Sacramento Valley- North American Subbasin and according to the Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater

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Management Act Portal (DWR SGMA Portal) West Placer is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The Sacramento Valley-North American Subbasin is rated by DWR as a high priority basin on the SGMA Prioritization Dashboard. DWR approved the North American Subbasin 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan on July 27, 2023. Please discuss if the Project is consistent with the adopted North American Subbasin 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Once the EIR is adopted, please forward the following items in support of CSUS's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Sacramento District Office at DWPDIST09@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the draft and final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring 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 EIR and MMRP; and
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Placer 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 this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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