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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

City of Hesperia
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

DRAFT CITY OF HESPERIA (CITY), NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP)/ INITIAL STUDY (IS) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR); I-15 INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT (PROJECT) STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2021060397

Dear Mr. Ryan Leonard:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the NOP/IS prepared for the EIR for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board) is responsible for issuing water supply permits administered under the Safe Drinking Water Act and may require a new or amended water supply permit for the above referenced Project. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment (California Code of Regulations, title 22, chapter 16).

The proposed Project includes the construction of two industrial/warehouse buildings that would provide 1,850,000 square feet of industrial/warehouse space and associated improvements, including loading docks, tractor-trailer stalls, passenger vehicle parking spaces, stormwater detention basins, and landscaped area. The Project also involves the off-site construction of Sultana Street from the northwestern corner of one of the new buildings to Mesa Linda Street. The project involves a general plan amendment, specific plan amendment, zone change, tentative parcel map, and conditional use permit. The Project site is located south of Main Street, west of Cataba Road, north of I-15 and Poplar Street, and east of U.S. Highway 395 within the City of Hesperia in San Bernardino County.

The State Water Board as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the District's draft NOP/IS:

Project Description:

- "Given the vacant, underdeveloped nature of the Project site, both wet and dry utilities, including domestic water, sanitary sewer, and electricity, would need to

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be extended on to the Project site,” page 5/ pdf page 11. Please specify in the EIR which water system will provide water supply to the development.

- Please provide a site map and a description of the new water system components with enough detail to be able to determine if a water supply permit amendment or alternative to the Waterworks Standards will be required. If a water supply permit amendment will be required, please add us to the list of Responsible agencies, in the EIR.

Section 3.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

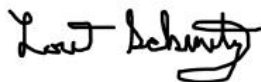
- “Implementation of the Project would result in construction and operational activities upon a currently undeveloped, vacant site. Such activities could potentially have an adverse effect on existing drainage patterns, which could subsequently impact surface water and groundwater quality, as well as both on-site and local hydrology,” page 27 / pdf page 33. Please explain in the EIR what water system infrastructure will be installed, and applicable general permits, individual permits, or waivers that would be obtained to cover construction and operational discharges.

If a Water Supply Permit Amendment is needed, when the review process has ended, please forward the following items in support of the City’s permit application to the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water San Bernardino District Office:

- The draft and final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP)
- The Resolution or Board Minutes certifying and adopting the EIR and MMRP and approving the Project;
- The date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the San Bernardino County Clerk’s Office or Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse; and
- Any comment letter received and the City’s responses, as appropriate.

Please contact Eric Zuniga at San Bernardino District Office, at (909) 383-4328 or email at eric.zuniga@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding water supply permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



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