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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Placer County Water Agency
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), FOR THE COLFAX WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2021080264

Dear Ms. Heather Trejo:

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 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 or a waiver or alternative from Waterworks Standards (California Code of Regulations title 22, chapter 16 et. seq).

The proposed Project includes construction and operation of a new 2.0-million-gallon water treatment plant (WTP) to replace the old 1.4-million-gallon treatment plant built in 1958. The treatment plant will receive raw water from an existing 12-inch diameter pipeline fed from Boardman Canal. The pre-treatment will consist of ballasted flocculation or plate settler process units, package multimedia gravity filters, process chemical storage, and feed equipment in a pre-engineered treatment facility building

The facility will also include a chlorine contact tank/clearwell, a treated water booster station, a backwash tank and associated pumping station, a filter-to-waste tank and associated pumping station, concrete drying beds, an emergency standby generator, and a 12-inch iron treated water transmission pipeline. The treated water transmission main would be installed from the WTP site, within Rollins Lake Road, within SR 174, and south to the County's existing 12-inch transmission/distribution main near the intersection of SR 174 and Hill Drive.

The water treatment plant would have multiple buildings including the two-story treatment facility, three pumping stations, three new water tanks with room for an additional tank, and two drying beds. A supervisory control and data acquisition system and onsite storage facilities will be installed. Security, landscaping, and parking facilities would also be installed.

The property for the treatment plant will be purchased from a private landowner. The new plant will provide improved reliability and more dependable service.

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

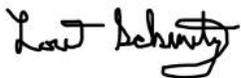
- CCR Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 2, 64556 (a) An application for an amended domestic water supply permit shall be submitted to the State Water Board prior to any of the following: (4) Any addition or change in treatment, including A. Design Capacity or B. Process." If the Project will trigger a change in treatment through design or process, please include the State Water Board, DDW and a water supply permit amendment in the list of "Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required".
- A septic system is planned for the project to accommodate the bathroom, (PDF 63). California Water Works Standards title 22, division 4. chapter 16, article 4, section 64572 and article 6, section 64585(12)(C) set forth standards to ensure the separation of wastewater and drinking water. If an alternative to Waterworks Standards is required, please coordinate with the DDW Lassen District office to obtain written approval from the State Board prior to implementation of the alternative (section 64551.100) and discuss in the project description.
- Discharges resulting from disinfection and operation of system components will be required. Please coordinate with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Sacramento (Central Valley Regional Board, Sacramento) staff on construction and operational discharges and waste discharge requirements. Please find the contact for appropriate regional board staff here:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/waste_discharge_requirements/waste_discharge_requirements_statewide_contacts.html

When the CEQA review process has ended, please forward the following items with your permit application to the Lassen District Office:

- Copy of the draft and final MND and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the MND and MMRP;
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Placer County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse; and
- Any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate.

Please contact Steve Watson of the Lassen District Office, at (530) 224-4828 or Steve.Watson@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



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