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Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority
Attn: Eric Schlageter
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LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO JPA), NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)]; PURE WATER PROJECT LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO (PROJECT); SCH # 2021090157

Dear Mr. Eric Schlageter:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the NOP prepared for 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 administered under the Safe Drinking Water Act and will 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 constructing a new advanced water purification facility (AWPF) to treat recycled water from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility for indirect portable reuse and storing the treated water in the Las Virgenes Reservoir, where it will be blended with existing drinking water supplies.

A pump station will also be located at the AWPF site to pump water to the reservoir. Pipelines will be constructed to extend the existing recycled water to the AWPF, convey the purified water from the AWPF to the Las Virgenes Reservoir, and to convey the brine from the AWPF to the Calleguas Salinity Management Pipeline. A new multi-port outfall and diffuser would also be installed within the reservoir for blending.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California stores water in the Las Virgenes Reservoir to sell to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for use as drinking water.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under CEQA, would like to see the following in the Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA's EIR:

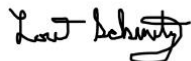
- A description of all new or modified drinking water system components of the Project, the names of the water systems with jurisdiction over those components, and what water systems will be served by the Project with enough detail to determine if a new water supply permit or permit amendment will be required for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Oak Park Water Service, the Calleguas Municipal Water District, and/or other water systems that may be connected or served by the Project.
- A project map that includes all new and modified water system components within the delineated Project area.
- The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, added to the list of agencies in the document that will be approving a permit, and the associated water system and water supply permit mentioned under any list of permits needed, as applicable.

- The treatment process is expected to include membrane filtration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet disinfection with advanced oxidation process. Please discuss the brine that will be produced, the disposal of the brine, and any environmental impacts associated with it.
- Please make sure and address any of the following regarding hydrology and water quality, as it applies to the Project:
 - How the project will be meeting drinking water regulation standards to ensure the separation of wastewater and drinking water and prevent drinking water contamination, as outlined in the California Water Works Standards, Title 22, Division 4. Chapter 16, Article 4, Section 64572 and Title 22, Division 4 Chapter 16, Article 6 64585, or explain any plans for an exception.
 - Any exceptions or variance the Project may be proposing as part of the Project to primary drinking water standards. For such variances, discuss any public hearing, any opposition to the variances or exceptions. Discuss if the variance or exception will pose an unreasonable risk to human health and any written notification that will be provided to the customers.

Once the EIR is ready to be circulated for public review, please ensure the State Water Board is notified. The State Water Board staff will review the draft EIR and provide additional comments, if necessary.

Please contact Terrance Kim of the Los Angeles Central District Office, at (818) 551-2029 or Terrence.Kim@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Bill Liang of the Los Angeles District Office at (818) 551-2024 or Bill.Liang@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements for the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Jason Cunningham from the Santa Barbara District Office, at (805) 566-6625 or Jason.Cunningham@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions regarding permitting requirements for the Calleguas Municipal Water District; and Jeff Densmore of the Santa Barbara District Office, at (805) 566-9021 or Jeff.Densmore@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions regarding permitting requirements for the Oak Park Water Service system.

Sincerely,



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