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Coachella Valley Water District
Attn: Mr. William Patterson
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), FOR THE RESERVOIRS 4711-3 AND 4711-4 PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2021090551

Dear Mr. Patterson:

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 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 and operating two 76-foot diameter, approximately 43-foot high, 1-million gallon above ground water tanks, Reservoirs 4711-3 and 4711-4, within the unincorporated community of Indio Hills to replace two existing 35-foot diameter, 16-foot high, 100,000-gallon bolted steel tanks, Reservoirs 4711-1 and 4711-2. Existing infrastructure, will be removed, including above ground meters, valves, pipelines, an existing berm, and a chain link fence. Buried pipelines may be abandoned in place. The Project will install new water meters, valves, a flood protection berm, fencing, and an 18-inch diameter pipeline to connect to the nearby Dillon Road Transmission pipeline.

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

- In Table 2 Discretionary Permits Potentially Required for the Proposed Improvements, Please add the following: under "Agency", the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water, under "Permits and Authorizations Required" a Water Supply Permit amendment, and under "Activities Subject to Regulations" addition of new distribution reservoirs to the distribution system.

When the CEQA review process has ended, please forward the following items with your permit application to the Riverside 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 any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate; and

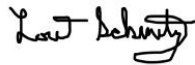
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- A copy of the stamped Notice of Determination (NOD) filed at the Riverside County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please note, distribution reservoirs over 100,000 gallons are regulated by the Division of Drinking Water necessitating a water supply permit amendment (Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 2, 64556 [a][1]). The water supplier shall submit to the State Board for review the design drawings and specifications for each proposed distribution reservoir prior to its construction (Title 22, Chapter 16, Article 6, Section 64585[b]).

Please contact Manuel Delgado of the Riverside District Office, at (619) 525-4408 or Manuel.Delgado@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding water supply permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



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