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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Soquel Creek Water District  
Attn: Michael Wilson  
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SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB REPLACEMENT WELL AND 1,2,3-TRICHLOROPROPANE (1,2,3-TCP) REMOVAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2021100502

Dear Mr. Michael Wilson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the MND 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 drilling a 500-gpm, 530-540-foot deep well to replace an existing well. The new well may act as a monitoring well or it may be brought on-line prior to the old well failing. If the new well is brought on-line both wells would not be run at the same time. When the existing well is no longer operational it will be destroyed.

A 1,862-foot<sup>2</sup>, 28-foot tall building would be constructed to house the 1,2,3-TCP granular activated carbon absorption treatment plant. The water treatment plant would include 12-foot tall, 10-foot diameter treatment vessels, pipelines, stormwater, a chemical feed storage, and a restroom. Space would be available in the event a single use anion exchange system would also need to be added in the future for hexavalent chromium. Spent GAC media for the 1,2,3-TCP would be removed every two to three years, characterized for hazardous waste, and sent to the appropriate receiving facility. If spent resin will be removed for hexavalent chromium it may be removed every six months. The new and old well will be connected to the plant via piping under the on-site driveway.

The project would include installing a driveway, and wrought iron, double-leaf swing or slide gates, and replacing the antenna to the existing well pump. A retaining wall may also be installed. Landscaping would also be planted around the site. A sewer lateral that will connect to the existing Santa Cruz Sanitation District sewer main in Baltusrol Drive will be installed for the chorine analyzer discharge and new restroom. An existing chemical feed enclosure would be removed from the site and construction may require the removal of eight trees.

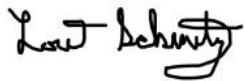
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When the CEQA review process has ended, please forward the following items with your permit application to the Monterey District Office:

- Copy of the draft and final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and 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 MND and MMRP;
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Monterey County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Kyle Graff at the Monterey District Office, at (831) 655-6935 or [kyle.graff@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kyle.graff@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



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