



March 2, 2022

Attn: Jamie Bax
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COUNTY OF MADERA, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE MD 10A DUBLIN PLANT WATER STORAGE TANK AND BOOSTER PUMP STATION PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2022020375

Dear Ms. Jamie Bax:

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 pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act. 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 (CCR) title 22, chapter 16 et. seq). The above referenced Project will require a new or amended water supply permit.

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

- “An application for an amended domestic water supply permit shall be submitted to the State Board prior to the addition of a new distribution reservoir (100,000 gallon capacity or greater) to the distribution system” (title 22, division 4, chapter 16, article 2, 64556 [a][1].) The water system is required to apply for a water supply permit amendment from the State Water Board, DDW Merced District Office. Please include the State Water Board, DDW on the list of “Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required.”
- The document indicates, “The proposed storage tank and booster pumps would not have the potential to degrade surface or groundwater quality.” Please discuss any water discharge that would be required during the construction and operation of the tank, the quality of discharge, whether the discharge will be discharged to surface or ground, and any permits that will be obtained, as a result. Also discuss any protection of nearby homes, property, and water quality in the event of tank failure.

Waterworks Standards state, “The water supplier shall submit to the State Water 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 send designs to the State Water Board prior to construction.

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Once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of Madera County MD10A- Madera Ranchos' permit application to the State Water Board, Merced District Office:

- Copy of the draft and final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP)
- All 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 Madera County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Bruce Ramsden of the Madera District Office, at (559) 447-3314 or Bruce.Ramsden@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements.

Sincerely,

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