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Palmdale Water District  
Attn: Dena Giacomini  
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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND) FOR THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AND LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MULTI-YEAR WATER TRANSFER PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2022020458

Dear Ms. Dena Giacomini:

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 may require an amended water supply permit.

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

- A change in water supply source would trigger a drinking water supply permit amendment. To help understand if the Project would create a new source, please provide schematics of the systems to show where water is introduced and combined.
- Will a new source be blended within either system? If so, please further discuss:
  - For the Palmdale Water District
    - Where current water sources are used and how they are circulated through the system, and
    - Where the additional State Water Project (SWP) water will be used and how it will be circulated through the system.
  - For the Littlerock Creek Irrigation District
    - Explain where current water sources are used and how they are circulated through the system, and
    - Where the SWP Palmdale Water District treated groundwater water (1,000 Acre-feet or 10%) will be used and how it will be circulated through the system.
- If a permit amendment will be triggered, please include the State Water Board, DDW on list 2.1.10 of Other Public Agencies Whose Approval May Be Required.

If a permit amendment will be triggered, when the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with your permit application to the State Water Board, DDW, Hollywood District Office:

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Copy of the draft and final ND with any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the ND; and
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Milagros Alora of the State Water Board, DDW, Hollywood District Office, at (818) 551-2026 or [Milagros.Alora@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Milagros.Alora@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements.

Sincerely,

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