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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Woodville Public Utility District
Attn: Dennis Keller
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Woodville, CA 93258

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

WOODVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (DISTRICT), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), FOR THE REPLACEMENT WELL PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2022030119

Dear Mr. Dennis Keller:

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 District's draft Initial Study/MND:

- Please state which existing well is being replaced, where it is, and if it will be destroyed or registered under another use. Also, please provide the capacity of the existing and new wells.
- Discuss any actions that will be taken during construction and operation to ensure the protection of water quality standards and to meet waste discharge requirements.
- The document includes an old version of the Appendix G checklist. Please use the current version of the Appendix G and answer the following questions for Hydrology and Water Quality and Utilities and Services Systems:
 - Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?
 - Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?
 - Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?

When the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with your permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Visalia District Office to DWPDIST12@waterboards.ca.gov:

- 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;

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- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the MND and MMRP; and
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Tulare County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Lori Schmitz of the State Water Board at (916) 449-5285 or Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding State Water Board CEQA comments.

Sincerely,

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