

## State Water Resources Control Board

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Re: IS/MND for Lamont Public Utilities District (District); Lamont Public Utilities District Water Supply Improvement District Project (Project); Kern County; State Clearinghouse Number: 2022030580

We understand that the District is pursuing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing for this Project (DWSRF No. 1510012-009C). As a funding agency and a state agency with jurisdiction by law to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is providing the following information on the IS/MND to be prepared for the Project.

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, is responsible for administering the DWSRF Program (Program). The primary purpose for the Program is to implement the Clean Water Act and various state laws by providing financial assistance for facilities improvements to provide clean potable water, and thereby protect and promote health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the state.

Federal environmental requirements pertinent to the Project under the Program include the following (for a complete list of all DWSRF federal requirements and instructions please visit

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/srf\\_forms.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/grants_loans/srf/srf_forms.shtml)):

- A. An alternative analysis discussing environmental impacts of the Project in either the CEQA document or in a separate report (i.e. for projects utilizing a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration).
  - A "no project/no action" alternative.
  - Comparative analysis among the alternatives that includes discussions of beneficial and adverse impacts on the existing environmental, future

- environmental, and individual sensitive environmental issues associated with the project.
- Analysis of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on sensitive environmental resources, if applicable.
  - Appropriate mitigation measures to mitigate adverse impacts, if appropriate.
  - Thorough discussion of the rationale for selection of the chosen alternative for the project.
- B. A public hearing or meeting for adoption/certification of all CEQA documents except for those with little or no environmental impacts.

Please upload to FFAST the following documents applicable to the proposed Project following the District's CEQA process: (1) one copy of the draft and final IS/MND, (2) the resolution adopting the IS/MND and making CEQA findings, (3) all comments received during the review period and the District's response to those comments, (4) the adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and (5) the Notice of Determination filed with the Kern County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse. In addition, we would appreciate notices of any hearings or meetings held regarding environmental review of any projects to be funded by the State Water Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the District's draft IS/MND. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916)-324-6894, or by email at [Cody.Madaus@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cody.Madaus@waterboards.ca.gov) or contact Mrs. Bridget Binning at (916) 449-5641, or by email at [Bridget.binning@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bridget.binning@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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