



State Water Resources Control Board

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, PRELIMINARY GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2022030810

Dear Ms. Katie Metraux:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the EIR 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. This Project is within the jurisdiction of the State Water Board, DDW's Stockton District. DDW Stockton District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to the public water systems serviced with a new or modified source of domestic water supply or new domestic water system components pursuant to Waterworks Standards (Title 22 CCR chapter 16 et. seq.). A public water system requires a water supply permit amendment when changes are made to a domestic water supply source, storage, or treatment and for the operation of new water system components- as specified in the Waterworks Standards. The Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the California State Park's EIR:

- Please provide a map of the existing public water system infrastructure. Be sure all improvements are included in Figure 2-3 or a separate map.
- Please discuss the existing infrastructure of the potable water system, and the total water demand in normal, dry, and multiple dry years (CEQA baseline).
- Please discuss all planned expansion or changes to the potable water system infrastructure and estimates of future water demand that will be needed in normal, dry, and multiple dry years; and if these demands can be met. Include a

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discussion of what existing and new Project water uses will contribute to the new potable water demands.

- Please clarify if the well(s) that will serve the new double-wide modular home for staff will be connected to the existing public water system or be a separate unpermitted well(s).
 - Would the concession store with food service connect to the existing public water system?
 - Will potable water be available for recreational vehicles to fill their potable water tanks at the recreational vehicle dump station?
- Please provide a map of the existing non-potable water system. Discuss the existing infrastructure for the non-potable water system and the total demand in normal, dry, and multiple dry years (baseline).
 - If planned improvements are needed, please provide a map of planned improvements. Please discuss all planned expansion or changes to the non-potable water system infrastructure; estimates of future water demand that will be needed in normal, dry, and multiple dry years; and if these demands can be met. Include a discussion of what existing and new water uses will contribute to the new non-potable water demands.
- The EIR mentions a future CEQA analysis will be required for the proposed water treatment facility upgrade (PDF page 162) that would include the potential for additional groundwater withdrawal to supply potable water for the State Vehicle Recreation Area needs, the exact amount which is unknown at this time (PDF page 163). When the tiered CEQA document is in circulation, please send the document to the Stockton District.
- The Corral Hollow Creek Buffer, a visitor experience area, limits activities in the buffer area to pedestrian activities and low-water crossings of motorized vehicles to preserve the water quality of the seasonal creek (PDF pages 35 and 38) On average how wide is this protection buffer from the creek to its outer edge? How close will the Special Event Area be to Corral Hollow Creek?
- A pedestrian trail along the creek is proposed. Please discuss if animal proof trash cans will be available along the trail to encourage visitors to keep trash out of the creek.
- The IS/MND indicates that culverts or bridge crossings shall be considered in highly erosive areas. Please define “highly erosive areas”.
- Please describe the location of the current septic systems and any new proposed locations or expanded sites. California Waterworks Standards Section 64572 requires drinking water main separation ten feet horizontally and one foot vertically from untreated sewage. Will the planned septic system areas for the Project have enough land to meet the required standards to protect drinking water and also be located far enough from the creek to protect water quality? Will vaulted bathrooms be elevated and/or located outside of the 100-year floodplain to protect water quality?
- The EIR indicated the Carnegie Fault, which may be active, lies under the planned tower relocation site (PDF page 124) and adjacent to the water treatment plant. If damage occurs to the tank or treatment plant drinking water quality may be at risk. A geotechnical report would be prepared for buildings that

house people. Under Geology and Soils, Impact 3.7.1 and/or Hydrology and Water Quality, Impact 3.10-1, please explain if a geotechnical report would also be performed for the relocation of the tank and upgrades to the drinking water treatment system to limit drinking water quality contamination in an earthquake?

When the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with your permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Stockton District Office at DWPDIST10@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan;
- Copy of all comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the EIR and MMRP; and
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Stockton 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 this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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