

May 26, 2022

County of Fresno  
Attn: Marissa Parker  
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Fresno, CA 93721

FRESNO COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE INITIAL STUDY NO. 8148 AND UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO 3723 PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2022040538

Dear Ms. Marissa Parker:

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 water supply permit.

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

- Please indicate, for each phase of the Project, what facilities the well will supply water for (i.e. bed and breakfast facility, the garage food commissary, new restrooms, etc.); the total estimated number of people that will use and/or be served by the well per day; and what new system infrastructure will be installed to provide water for the facilities.
- The document states "The Water and Natural Resources Division conducted a water evaluation for the proposed project and determined that the water supply is adequate to support the project." Please attach the water evaluation.

Once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of the new water system's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Fresno District Office to [DWPDIST23@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST23@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;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the MND and MMRP; and
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Fresno 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](mailto:Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov), if you have any questions regarding State Water Board CEQA comments.

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Sincerely,

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