

May 26, 2022

East County Advanced Purification Joint Powers Authority
Attn: Rebecca Abbott
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EAST COUNTY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA),
SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE EAST COUNTY
ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2022040551

Dear Ms. Rebecca Abbott:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Subsequent 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 an amended water supply permit.

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

- On PDF page 59, Under Permit/Approval, "Domestic water supply permit for surface water augmentation using recycled water (SBDDW-16-02)" please remove "(SBDDW-16-02)" and add after "-Helix Water District permit amendment for change in source (Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 2, Section 64556 3[A])."

Once the Subsequent MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of the Helix Water District's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW District Office to DWPDIST14@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the subsequent MND and subsequent 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 subsequent MND and subsequent MMRP; and
- Copy of the subsequent stamped Notice of Determinations filed at the San Diego 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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