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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Riverside County
Attn: Brett Dawson
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RIVERSIDE COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE CUP 200001 / CZ 2000004 / CEQ200003 COMMERCIAL CENTER PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2022050541

Dear Mr. Brett Dawson:

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 drinking water 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 may require a new or amended water supply permit.

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

- Please explain if the 400,000-gallon tank will become part of the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) system. If the tank will be part of the system:
 - On page PDF Page 152, please list the "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water" as the regulatory authority for the system permit instead of "the California Department of Public Health."

Once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of EMWD's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Riverside District Office to DWPDIST20@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;
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Riverside 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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