



State Water Resources Control Board

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Ms. Martinez-McKinney:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR CITY OF SANTA CRUZ (CITY); CLIMATE RESILIENT SANTA CRUZ: GRAHAM HILL WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PROJECT); SANTA CRUZ COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2022060566

We understand that the City is pursuing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing for this Project (DWSRF No. 4410010-003C). 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 water quality comments on the EIR circulating 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 Safe Drinking Water Act and various state laws by providing financial assistance for drinking facilities improvements to provide clean potable drinking water, and thereby protect and promote health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the state.

All applicants seeking funding must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provide appropriate documents to the State Water Board so that it can fulfill its CEQA responsibilities, see [CEQA Requirements](#). In addition, because the Program is partially funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) additional federal environmental documentation (cross-cutters) may be required. For additional Program information, the complete environmental application package and instructions, please visit: [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Forms and Instructions](#).

Following are specific comments on the City's draft EIR:

1. Hydrology and Water Quality Section 4-10 for Impact HYD-1 (page 4.10-19) states that the Proposed Project would include 85,269 square feet of net impervious surface where *Net Impervious Area = (New and Replaced Impervious Area) – (Reduced Impervious Area Credit)*. Please clarify how the net impervious area quantity above was generated.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for the opportunity to review the City's draft EIR. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 319-0180, or by email at Abbygayle.Britton@waterboards.ca.gov or contact Mrs. Bridget Binning at (916) 449-5641, or by email at Bridget.binning@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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