



## State Water Resources Control Board

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Madera County  
Attn: Jamie Bax  
200 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Madera, California 93637

MADERA COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), FOR THE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT AND METER INSTALLATION PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2022100209

Dear Ms. Jamie Bax:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the MND for the proposed Project. The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, is responsible for administering the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 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 facilities improvements to provide clean potable water, and thereby protect and promote health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the state.

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) has the following comments on the County's draft MND:

- Based on the Project description, the Project may cause disturbance to over one acre of soil. Linear project disturbing one or more acres of land must obtain coverage under a State Water Board Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ. The pipeline alignment as proposed may also require dewatering. Under Section X Hydrology and Water Quality, please explain any Project permits that will be obtained, to help ensure water quality standards or waste discharge requirements are not violated or surface or groundwater quality is not substantially degraded.

Once the MND is adopted, please upload the following applicable documents for the proposed Project to the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool:

- Copy of the draft and final MND with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);

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- 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 date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Madera County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse; and
- In addition, we would appreciate notices of any hearings or meetings held regarding environmental review of the Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the County's draft MND. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 449-5285, or by email at [Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov) or contact Mrs. Bridget Binning at (916) 449-5641, or by email at [Bridget.Binning@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bridget.Binning@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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