

## State Water Resources Control Board

December 2, 2022

Yolo County  
Attn: Kimberly Villa  
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Woodland, CA 95695



YOLO COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), FOR THE WILD WINGS COUNTY SERVICE AREA WOOD DUCK WELL AND PUMP STATION PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2022110031

Dear Ms. Kim Villa:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the MND 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. The Project is within the jurisdiction of DDW Sacramento District. DDW Sacramento District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to the public water systems serviced with a modified source of domestic water supply or new domestic water system components pursuant to Waterworks Standards (Title 22 CCR chapter 16 et. seq.). A public water system requires a new water supply permit amendment for changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment and for the operation of new water system components including new distribution tanks equal to or over 100,000 gallons, new wells, and treatment systems. Wild Wings County Service Area will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project.

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

- The document references the California Department of Public Health twice in relation to the regulation of public water systems. Authority to regulate public water systems transferred from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board on July 1, 2014. Please update the document to reflect the State Water Resources Control Board as the agency that regulates public water systems in California.
- The document uses an outdated Appendix G Environmental Checklist that does not address the potential project impacts to groundwater. The document fails to disclose that the new well will pump water from the Sacramento Valley- Yolo groundwater basin, a high priority basin according to the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118. The groundwater is managed by the Yolo Sub-basin

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency who is responsible for the sustainable management of the groundwater basin. Please discuss: if the new well will affect any nearby wells; if so, if the impacts will be significant; and if the new well will impede the sustainable groundwater management of the basin.

- The Project will include a chemical treatment system. Please discuss if the groundwater was tested to ensure the drinking water will meet water quality standards and what treatment will be needed. If other treatment besides chlorination will be needed, please include the other treatment components in the Project description and analysis.

Once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of the Wild Wings County Service Area permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Sacramento District Office at [DWPDIST09@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST09@waterboards.ca.gov):

- Copy of the draft and final MND with the 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 date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Yolo 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 this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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