

State Water Resources Control Board

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STATE CLEARING HOUSE

Dear Mr. Bates:

IS/MND FOR ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT; SEDCO HILLS SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT (PROJECT); RIVERSIDE COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023010311

We understand that the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (District) is pursuing Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) financing for this Project (CWSRF No. C-06-8491-210). 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 comments on the IS/MND circulating for the Project.

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, is responsible for administering the CWSRF Program (Program). The primary purpose for the Program is to implement the Clean Water Act and various state laws by providing financial assistance for wastewater treatment facilities necessary to prevent water pollution, recycle water, correct nonpoint source and storm drainage pollution problems, provide for estuary enhancement, 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:

[Clean Water State Revolving Fund Forms and Instructions](#).

Following are specific comments on the District's draft IS/MND:

1. The main Project description states that the Project would install "about 40,000 linear feet of sewer main and lateral pipelines within the roadway rights-of-way," but also states that the Project would install sewer infrastructure where septic

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tanks are currently used for wastewater disposal, on page 31 and 41. Are the potential private laterals outside of the rights-of-way a part of the Project? Please note, if the District is planning to construct the private laterals using CWSRF funding, the private laterals should be included in the Project description and a publicly circulated impact analysis.

2. One of the BMPs listed on page 43 states that, “staging areas for construction equipment would be located as far as practicable from residences” (page 43). Can you please confirm that any possible staging areas are included in the Project site shown in Figure 2?
3. Does the “Project Site” boundary in Figure 2 include all project components?

Thank you for the opportunity to review the District’s draft IS/MND. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 341-5879, or by email at Kristen.Way@waterboards.ca.gov or contact Brian Cary at (916) 449-5624, or by email at Brian.Cary@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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