

## State Water Resources Control Board

February 21, 2023

City of Trinidad  
Attn: Mr. Eli Naffah  
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Trinidad, CA 95570



CITY OF TRINIDAD (CITY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE TRINIDAD WATER STORAGE TANK AND PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2023010468

Dear Mr. Eli Naffah:

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 the DDW Klamath District. DDW Klamath District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to the public water systems serviced with a new or 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. The City will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment after the tank has been constructed.

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

- The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, Domestic Water Supply Permit Amendment should be included in Section 2.3 Regulatory Permits for the operation of the new water storage and treatment system components.

When the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with your permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Klamath District Office at [DWPRedding@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPRedding@waterboards.ca.gov):

- Copy of the draft and final MND with any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate.
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the MND, and

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- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Humboldt 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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