



## State Water Resources Control Board

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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### STATE CLEARING HOUSE

Groveland Community Services District  
Attn: Mr. Peter Kampa  
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GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (GROVELAND CSD), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE DROUGHTS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2023020239

Dear Mr. Peter Kampa:

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 State Water Board DDW's Merced District. The DDW Merced District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to 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 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 Groveland CSD 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 Groveland CSD's MND:

- The addition of two groundwater wells and a new water storage tank to Groveland CSD's water system will require a water supply permit amendment from the State Water Board, DDW for operation of the wells and operation of the tank. Please add this permit to Section 2.5 Other Required Approvals (PDF page 10).
- The document states on PDF page 46 that, "The proposed Project does not include the on-site withdrawal of groundwater". This appears to conflict with the project description that says groundwater wells are part of the Project.
- The document states on PDF page 55 that, "There are no water discharges activities associated with the Project once constructed." However, operation and

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maintenance of water system components often does involve periodic discharges.

- Operational and maintenance discharges may fall under the State Wide General Permit 2014-0194-DWQ for Drinking Water System Discharges to Waters of the United States, (Groveland CSD's Notice of Applicability Waste Discharge Identification No. 4DW0318), (<https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/readOnly/CiwqsReportServlet?reportName=facilityAtAGlance&placeID=849035>).
- Otherwise, for information on groundwater discharge regulations and permits please contact your appropriate regional water quality control board staff listed here: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/waste\\_discharge\\_requirements/waste\\_discharge\\_requirements\\_statewide\\_contacts.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/waste_discharge_requirements/waste_discharge_requirements_statewide_contacts.html)

When the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with your permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Merced District Office at [DWPDIST11@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST11@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
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Tuolumne 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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