

## State Water Resources Control Board

April 3, 2023

City of Watsonville  
Attn: Mr. Beau Kayser  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076



CITY OF WATSONVILLE (CITY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND),  
FOR THE ZONE 2 WATER RESERVOIR AND BOOSTER PUMP STATION  
MODIFICATION PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2023030212

Dear Mr. Beau Kayser:

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 Monterey District. The DDW Monterey District issues a domestic water supply permit amendment 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 California Code of Regulations (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 for the operation of the new tank proposed by this Project.

Waterworks Standards state, "The water supplier shall submit to the State Water Board for review the design drawings and specifications for each proposed distribution reservoir prior to its construction" (CCR, Title 22, chapter 16, article 6, section 64585[b]). Please send the tank designs to the State Water Board, DDW's Monterey District for review prior to construction.

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

- In Section 2.4 agencies and permits, change the agency name from "California Division of Drinking Water" to "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water" and change the approval type to, "tank design review and water supply permit amendment."

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When the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with the permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Monterey District Office at [DWPDIST05@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST05@waterboards.ca.gov):

- Copy of the draft and final MND and 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
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the 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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