

State Water Resources Control Board

Mr. Evan Ditmars
County of Santa Cruz
Department of Community Development and Infrastructure
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Dear Mr. Evan Ditmars:

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR COUNTY; BONNY DOON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; SANTA CRUZ
COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023040332

We understand that Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District is pursuing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing for this Project (DWSRF No. C-06-4400751). 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 water quality comments on the initial study/MND circulating for the Project.

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, is responsible for administering the DWSRF Program (Program). The primary purpose for the Program is to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act and various state laws by providing financial assistance for drinking facilities improvements to provide clean potable drinking water, 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](#). For additional Program information, the complete environmental application package and instructions, please visit:

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

Following are specific comments on the County's draft MND:

1. Under Detailed Project Description (PDF page 11-12), please discuss the number of site visits per year that will be required for maintenance and chemical deliveries to the site, as needed, as part of the operation of the Project.
2. Under Section J. Hydrology, Water Supply and Water Quality, Question 1 (PDF page 34), please discuss construction and operational tank discharges when discussing waste discharge requirements.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for the opportunity to review the County's draft MND. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 449-5285, or by email at Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov or contact Mrs. Bridget Binning at (916) 449-5641, or by email at Bridget.Binning@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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