

## State Water Resources Control Board

Kathryn Reyes  
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Dear Ms. Reyes,

INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR CITY OF NEWMAN (CITY); NEWMAN INFLUENT TRUNK SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE II (PROJECT); MERCED AND STANISLAUS COUNTIES; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023040597

We understand that the City is pursuing Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) financing for this Project. 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 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 City's draft IS/MND:

1. Since the Project is in Merced and Stanislaus counties, please include in the environmental application package a copy of the Notice of Determination (NOD) filed with and stamped by each County Clerk.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to review the City's draft IS/MND. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 319-8574, or by email at [Chi-Hai.Duffy@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Chi-Hai.Duffy@waterboards.ca.gov) or contact Brian Cary at (916) 449-5624, or by email at [Brian.Cary@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.Cary@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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