
State Water Resources Control Board

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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT (WATER SYSTEM), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE 2023 STRATEGIC WATER RESOURCES PLAN DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2023080290

Dear Scott Rogers:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the EIR 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. This Project is within the jurisdiction of the State Water Board, DDW's Hollywood District. DDW Hollywood District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to public water systems pursuant to Waterworks Standards (Title 22 California Code of Regulations [Cal Code Regs.] chapter 16 et. seq.). A public water system requires a water supply permit amendment when changes are made to a domestic water supply source, storage, or treatment and for the operation of new water system components as specified in the Cal. Code Regs. § 64556.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the Water System's EIR:

- The Water System may need to apply for a domestic water supply permit amendment from the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water for new sources of supply. Please add the agency and the permit to section 2.5.9 Anticipated Permits and Approvals, Table 2-7, Regulatory Requirements and Authorizations and Approvals (PDF page 110).
- The Water System may replace five wells in the near term (PDF page 105) but provides conflicting accounts of where these wells will be located (PDF pages 79, 85, 105, 382, et cetera). In the Project Description and figures, please describe all the proposed and possible areas where the rehabilitated and replacement wells could be located.

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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 Hollywood District Office at DWPDIST07@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- Copy of all comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes certifying the EIR and adopting the MMRP; and
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Los Angeles 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, for questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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