

State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear William Patterson:

NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT NO. 4 NON-POTABLE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SCH # 2023100315) IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) staff has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Water Reclamation Plant No. 4 Non-Potable Water Improvement Project (project). The Coachella Valley Water District (District) filed a wastewater change petition on August 16, 2016 with the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to Water Code section 1211. The petition seeks authorization to cease the discharge of treated wastewater from the District's Water Reclamation Plant No. 4 to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel tributary to the Salton Sea, during all months of the year.

The State Water Board will act as a Responsible Agency for this project. Accordingly, the State Water Board may need to rely on the Lead Agency's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document to support the Division's environmental evaluation of the requested approval. The Lead Agency should therefore ensure that any CEQA document prepared for the project considers all pertinent information regarding the wastewater change petition and any potential environmental impacts due to reduced flow in the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and the Salton Sea.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation. Stephanie Holstege, Senior Environmental Scientist, Specialist is the lead staff assigned to WW0093, available at (916) 327-8552 or by email at stephanie.holstege@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Stephanie Holstege, P.O. BOX 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

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