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## State Water Resources Control Board

December 14, 2023

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

City of Shasta Lake  
Attn: Mr. Peter Bird  
4477 Main Street  
Shasta Lake, CA 96019

**December 15 2023**

### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

CITY OF SHASTA LAKE (CITY), INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR THE CITY OF SHASTA LAKE CENTIMUDI WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2023120069

Dear Mr. Peter Bird:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the IS/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. This Project is within the jurisdiction of the State Water Board, DDW's Lassen District. DDW Lassen District issues domestic water supply permit amendments 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 CCR chapter 16 et. seq.). A public water system requires a new 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 Waterworks Standards. The City will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the City's Initial Study IS/MND:

- Under Section 1 Introduction, 1.1 Project Summary, Other Public Agencies Whose Approval May Be Required, please add "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water" for a water supply permit approval. (PDF page 8).
- Under Section "2.5 Regulatory Requirements, Permits, and Approvals" add "2.5.5 State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water" and under this "Issuance of a water supply permit for a new reservoir," (PDF page 18).
- The IS/MND states the Project site is located in the McCloud Area Subbasin (5-035). However, according to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Ground Water Management Act (SGMA) Portal, the Project site and

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the City of Shasta Lake fall outside all DWR identified groundwater basins. The City of Shasta Lake also does not obtain their drinking water from groundwater so would not require a Groundwater Sustainability Agency or Groundwater Sustainability Plan under the SGMA. Please update the information in the IS/MND to reflect this.

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

- Copy of the draft and final IS/MND with any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate.
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the IS/MND, and
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Shasta 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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