
State Water Resources Control Board

Amber Kelley
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Dear Amber Kelley:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR CITY OF REDDING (CITY); CITY OF REDDING PUMP HOUSE 1 REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT); SHASTA COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2024010756

We understand that the City is pursuing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) 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 related comments on the EIR 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 DWSRF 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 additional federal environmental documentation (cross-cutters) may be required. 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 City's draft EIR:

- Please mention under section 1.7 "Regulatory Compliance and Permits and Approvals- Federal, State, and Local", "State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)," "The SWRCB may also provide funding for the project" (PDF page 41).
- Under section 11.3.3.2, when discussing Alternative B's impact on groundwater supplies, please explain the estimated capacity of the proposed

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- Alternative B pump station and if Alternative B would allow the City to divert their full surface allotment of 21,000 acre-feet per year. If the estimated capacity and diversion allotment would be the same as Alternative A, please also explain how the Alternative B pump station, which if constructed would be located adjacent to the old pump station, would not be limited by low flows when the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District Diversion Dam is removed.
- Under section 11.3.3.3, when discussing the proposed Project and changes to drainage patterns, including alteration of the course of a stream or river and impacts from these changes, please discuss the following:
 - The hydrological impacts of the proposed pumpstation on the localized area near the pumpstation.
 - The initial estimated sediment loading from the newly restored Jenny Creek to the Sacramento River and typical expected sediment loading after initial loading. Please also discuss impacts caused by the sediment to the existing water treatment system and downstream aquatic habitat, as needed.
 - Jenny Creek is to be restored along its historical alignment (PDF page 53). Please address if the proposed upstream pumpstation's pumping will impact Jenny Creek's hydrogeomorphology. If so, please discuss if these impacts on Jenny Creek were considered as part of the Jenny Creek's restoration plan and/or alignment.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the City's draft EIR. 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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