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## State Water Resources Control Board

Carey Casciola  
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Dear Carey Casciola:

INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR OCEANO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (WATER SYSTEM); WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT); SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2024041238

### **DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY PERMIT AMENDMENT**

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 DDW Santa Barbara District. DDW Santa Barbara 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 California Code of Regulations 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 Waterworks Standards. The water system will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project.

### **FUNDING**

We understand that the Water System 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 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 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.

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E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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](#). 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 Water System's draft IS/MND:

- In section 9. Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required, within Table 2 Summary of Potentially Required Approvals, please include:
  - Under Regulating Agency "The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water"; under Potential Permit/Approval "Public Drinking Water Supply Permit Amendment(s)"; and under Reason for the Permit/Approval "Addition of a new source (intertie)."
  - Under Regulating Agency "The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance"; under Potential Permit/Approval "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant and/or loan"; and under Reason for the Permit/Approval "Possible Funding."

If an application for funding will be submitted, please upload to Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool the following applicable documents for the proposed Project: (1) one copy of the draft and final IS/MND with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), (2) the resolution adopting the IS/MND and MMRP, (3) all comments received during the review period and the Water System's response to those comments, and (4) the Notice of Determination filed with the San Luis Obispo County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse. In addition, we would appreciate notices of any hearings or meetings held regarding environmental review of any projects to be funded by the State Water Board.

If funding will not be pursued, please forward the above requested documents with your permit amendment application to the State Water Board, DDW Santa Barbara District Office at [DWPDIST06@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST06@waterboards.ca.gov)

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Water System's draft IS/MND. 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](mailto:Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov) or contact Mrs. Bridget Binning at (916) 449-5641, or by email at [Bridget.Binning@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bridget.Binning@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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