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## State Water Resources Control Board

August 29, 2024

Mr. Thompson  
Lake Shastina Community Services District  
16320 Everhart Drive  
Weed, CA 96094

Dear Mr. Thompson:

INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (WATER SYSTEM); LSCSD DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PROJECT); SISKIYOU COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2024071135

### **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 Klamath District. DDW Klamath 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 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 Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 22, § 64556. The Water System will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for the proposed changes to the domestic water supply resulting from this Project.

### **FUNDING**

We understand that the Water System is also 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.

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,

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and thereby protect and promote health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the state.

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

- Under Section 2.3, Project Characteristics, the IS/MND lists new test wells 11 and 12 to be drilled (PDF page 14), but Attachment A of the Draft Preliminary Engineering Report indicates the test wells are already drilled (PDF page 183). Please clarify or revise the list to reflect the most updated work that will occur for the Project.
- The IS/MND states a production well will be installed within the vicinity of Well 2 or Well 4 (PDF page 87). However, a Well 2 is not identified on Figure 2-3 or within the document. Please further clarify where Well 2 is located and/or where the new well could be located.
- Public water systems must comply with primary and secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels [Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, § 64431 and § 64449]. Please discuss the anticipated water quality of the new well and if treatment will be needed at the well site. If treatment is required, please discuss what treatment infrastructure will be added to the Water System in the Project description and include a discussion of impacts associated with construction and operation of the treatment in the checklist, as warranted
- Attachment C of the Biological Report indicates Tank 4 will be increased in size (PDF page 367) and replaced with a larger tank to keep up with water demands of the area (PDF page 347 and 369). However, in the IS/MND, plans for Tank 4 include performing maintenance to upgrade the tank and building a new tank adjacent to Tank 4 (PDF page 14). As part of the Project description, please clarify if the tank will be removed and/or upgraded and a new tank built next to Tank 4. If the tank will be removed, please discuss how the transition from the old tank to the new tank will occur and the Tank 4 removal. If the tank will remain and be upgraded, with another tank installed next to the tank, please indicate if any new impacts will occur based on the updated plans.
- The IS/MND mentions that the Water System will conduct ongoing water level monitoring (PDF page 88). Please explain how this monitoring will be used. Will it help determine when pumping can occur and for how long?

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, (2) the resolution adopting the IS/MND, (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 Siskiyou 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 Klamath District Office at [DWPRedding@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPRedding@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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