
State Water Resources Control Board

Tyla Daries
Calaveras Public Utility District
506 West Saint Charles Street
San Andreas, CA 95249

Dear Tyla Daries:

INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR THE CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (DISTRICT); CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RECYCLE BACKWASH PROJECT (PROJECT); CALAVERAS COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2024110310

We understand that the District 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 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.

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

- The IS/MND stated the Project proposes to dredge existing sludge from both settling ponds and it is anticipated that the removed sludge would be applied to lands in accordance with federal and state regulations or will be taken to a landfill that is permitted to receive the sludge (PDF page 26). Please discuss what testing may be required. If the sludge is applied to land, please discuss if a waste discharge permit will be obtained.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the District'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 or contact Ms. Robyn Mendoza at (916) 341-5903, or by email at Robyn.Mendoza@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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