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## State Water Resources Control Board

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CITY OF ARCADIA (ARCADIA), INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR THE CITY OF ARCADIA GOLDRING WELL AND PFAS TREATMENT PLANT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2025020361

Dear Tiffany:

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 Angeles and Hollywood Districts. DDW Angeles District and DDW Hollywood District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to public water systems pursuant to Waterworks Standards (Title 22 California Code of Regulations [Cal Code Regs.] 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 Cal. Code Regs. § 64556. Arcadia will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment from the Angeles District for the addition of a new drinking water source and any associated treatment(s). The City of Sierra Madre (Sierra Madre) currently has an emergency interconnection with Arcadia. Once the Project is constructed by Arcadia and permitted by the Angeles District, Sierra Madre will apply for their own permit amendment from the Hollywood District to change the status of their interconnection from “emergency” to “active”.

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

- Under 8. Description of the Project, please discuss:
  - The maintenance and operation of the well and granular activated carbon or ion exchange treatment. Per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) is a hazardous substance; how will the PFAS waste residuals from treatment be disposed of? If ion exchange is used, there will be brine waste in addition to the PFAS waste which may contain both brine and PFAS. How would the brine be treated and where would it go?

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- How the water will be distributed to Sierra Madre.

When the CEQA review process is completed, please forward the following items with the permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Angeles District Office at [DWPDIST22@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST22@waterboards.ca.gov) and to the State Water Board, DDW Hollywood District Office at [DWPDIST07@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST07@waterboards.ca.gov):

- The IS/MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- All comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- The Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the IS/MND and MMRP and approving the Project; and
- The date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the 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), for questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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