



State Water Resources Control Board

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

City of La Quinta
Attn: Cheri Flores
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

CITY OF LA QUINTA (CITY), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE TRAVERTINE SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2018011023

Dear Ms. Cheri Flores:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the EIR 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's Riverside District. DDW Riverside 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 CCR 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 Waterworks Standards. The Coachella Valley Water District, Cove Community (CVWD-Cove Community) will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the City's EIR:

- Under "In addition, the proposed Project will require approval from the following federal, State, and local agencies (PDF page 26)" and "The following are anticipated responsible agencies which may rely on this Draft EIF for their discretionary approvals required to implement the Project (PDF page 142)", please include "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, Riverside District" and "Water Supply Permit (tanks and wells)."
- Please discuss if the two stormwater detention basins (A and B) are designed to handle emergency discharges from the 600,000-gallon tank and 2,650,000-gallon tank. If not, please discuss how emergency discharge from the tanks will be handled.

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- Please explain what will happen to the onsite wells if they are found operable (Haz-7, PDF page 460). Will the wells be incorporated into the CVWD-Cove Community system?
- The EIR references a 2020 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (PDF page 706) and a Q3 Consulting Project-specific Drainage Master Plan (PDF page 467). Please provide the links to the documents. Documents incorporated by reference must be made publicly available (CCR Title 14, Section 15150 [b]).
- Please indicate how 867.47 acre-feet water was determined to be the extrapolated demand based on the original planned Project water demand and original Project square-feet.

Once the EIR is certified, please forward the following items in support of Coachella Valley Water District, Cover Community's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Riverside District Office at DWPDIST20@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the draft and final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- Copy of any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the EIR and MMRP; and
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Riverside County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Lori Schmitz of the State Water Board at (916) 449-5285 or Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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