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## State Water Resources Control Board

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

City of Yucaipa  
Attn: Benjamin Matlock  
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CITY OF YUCAIPA (CITY), DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR) FOR THE FREEWAY COORIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN SUSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2006041096

Dear Benjamin Matlock:

Thanks for the opportunity to review the SEIR 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 Mojave and Riverside Districts. DDW Mojave and Riverside Districts' issue 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 Yucaipa Valley Water District will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project. South Mesa Water Company may also need to apply for a water supply permit amendment.

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

- Under Section 3. Project Description, 3.5 Intended Use of the SEIR, Table 3-6 Project Approvals Needed, please list "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water" under "Responsible Agencies" and "Approval of domestic drinking water supply permit" under "Action" (PDF page 150).
- The SEIR states conditions of approval of the specific plan and Pacific Oak Commerce Center development will require construction of two groundwater injection/extraction wells to serve the proposed Project (PDF page 713 and PDF page 714). Tanks are also identified in Figure 5.19-4 Proposed Potable Water Infrastructure (PDF page 717). Please further describe the domestic water

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supply components of the Project (tanks, well, booster pump stations, et cetera) and the estimated number of new connections served under Section 3 Project Description, 3.4.1.7 Infrastructure, Water, Potable Water (PDF page 128).

- The SEIR indicated a need for a water storage and delivery system prior to framing, construction, or delivery of combustible materials on the Project site (PDF page 517). Please identify when the various domestic water system infrastructure components will be installed and operated and which components will belong to what water system.
- If tanks will be constructed at off-site locations be sure to consider these Project areas that may not have been considered as part of the analysis of the currently delineated Project site location in the appropriate sections of the CEQA checklist.

Once the SEIR is certified, please forward the following items in support of the Yucaipa Valley Water District's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Mojave District Office at [DWPDIST27@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST27@waterboards.ca.gov). Please also forward the following items in support of any South Mesa Water Company permit application to the State Water Board, Riverside District Office at [DWPDIST20@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWPDIST20@waterboards.ca.gov) :

- Copy of the SEIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- Copy of all comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the SEIR and MMRP; and
- Copy of the date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the San Bernardino 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](mailto:Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov), for questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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