State Water Resources Control Board

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CALIMESA (CITY), SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR) FOR THE MESA VERDE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA 2 AMENDMENT 2 (PROJECT), STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2004071045

Dear Ms. Sevilla:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the SEIR for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW), issues domestic water supply permits under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This Project falls under DDW's Mojave District jurisdiction. The Mojave District issues permit amendments according to the Title 22 California Code of Regulations (Cal. Code Regs) chapter 16. Public water systems need a permit amendment for modification of the water supply including new sources, new reservoirs with 100,000-gallon capacity or greater, service area expansions of twenty percent or more, and treatment design capacity or process changes as per Cal. Code Regs. § 64556. The Yucaipa Valley Water District (Water System) will need to apply for an amendment for new drinking water sources and a possible new reservoir.

<u>The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the SEIR:</u>

- Under Section 1.7 Lead, Responsible, and Trustee Agencies and Section 3.11.3.1 State, when discussing the responsible agencies and approvals, please include the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water for a domestic water supply permit amendment.
- Please discuss if treatment will be needed for the proposed wells. If treatment is needed, please discuss the treatment components that will be required.
- The Project proposes two injection/extraction wells in two different subbasins (PDF pages 793 and 795). Please discuss the water sources and the amount and quality of the water that will be injected into the aquifers. Please also discuss the permits that will be obtained and potential impacts of injecting the water into the existing subbasins.

Once the CEQA process is completed, please forward the following items in support of Water System's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Mojave District at DWPDIST27@waterboards.ca.gov:

- The SEIR, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- The Resolution or Board Minutes certifying the SEIR, adopting the MMRP, and approving the Project; and
- The Notice of Determination filed at the 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, for questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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