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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Mountain Gate Community Services District  
Attn: Jeff Cole  
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Redding, CA 96003

MOUNTAIN GATE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (DISTRICT) MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), MND FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2021070591

Dear Mr. Jeff Cole:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 administered under the Safe Drinking Water Act and may require a new or amended water supply permit for the above referenced Project. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment or a waiver or alternative from Waterworks Standards (California Code of Regulations (CCR) title 22, chapter 16 et. seq).

The proposed project includes improvements to the Mountain Gate Community Services District's (MGCSD) water system. Improvements include replacing/upsizing existing water mains and associated water services, installing a new water main, installing/replacing fire hydrants, replacing/installing pressure reducing valve stations and associated solar panels, and installing a new emergency intertie with the Bella Vista Water District. The purpose of the proposed project is to replace aging infrastructure, achieve adequate fire flows, and ensure a safe and reliable potable water supply for customers in the MGCSD's water service area.

The State Water Board, DDW as a responsible agency under CEQA, has the following comments on the District's draft MND.

- CCR Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 2, 64556(a)(3) requires a public water system to apply for an amended domestic water supply permit prior to modifications of the water supply by adding a new source. In the Initial Study Section 1.8 Regulatory Requirements outlines permits and approvals necessary for construction and operation of the proposed project. If your Project will include the addition of a new source, please list the State Water Board, DDW as a permitting agency for a water supply permit. Please also submit an application for a permit amendment to the Shasta District office prior to modification of the water supply.
- Prior to use, newly installed water mains shall be disinfected, (Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 5, 64580). Please coordinate with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Redding (Central Valley Regional Board, Redding) staff on any water main discharge, waste discharge requirements, and need of a general permit, individual permit, or waiver for this discharge. Please find the contact for appropriate regional board staff here:

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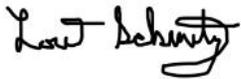
- The Initial Study Section 4.19 Utilities and Service Systems indicates, "Therefore the proposed project would not result in the need for new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, electrical power, natural gas, or telecommunication facilities." The Project is the expansion of water system facilities, that which is analyzed throughout the document. Please clarify your information and determination in this section to reflect this.

When the CEQA review process has ended, please forward the following items with your permit application to the Lassen District Office:

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

Please contact Katie Connaughton at Lassen District Office, at (530) 224-4870 or e-mail at [Katie.Connaughton@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Katie.Connaughton@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions regarding water supply permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



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