
State Water Resources Control Board

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RANCHO CUCAMONGA (CITY) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR
THE EL CAMINO PROJECT (PROJECT), STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2023080369

Dear Sean McPherson and Claudia Vargas:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the EIR 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 San Bernardino District jurisdiction. The San Bernardino District issues permit amendments according to Title 22 California Code of Regulations 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 Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) will need to apply for an amendment for the new drinking water source (well) and treatment changes, as needed.

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

- Under 3.7 Intended Uses of this EIR, State and Regional Agencies, please include “State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water for approval of a domestic water supply permit amendment of a new source and possible treatment changes (Cal. Code Regs. § 64556).”
- Please discuss if the Project will include any treatment. If so, please discuss the possible treatment location, infrastructure, and impacts in the EIR.
- On PDF page 425 the EIR states that Rancho Cucamonga Municipal Utility will operate and maintain the well. This seems to be an error as the EIR also indicates ownership of the well would transfer to CVWD (PDF page 81) and access would be limited to CVWD District employees (PDF page 587).

Once the CEQA process is completed, please forward the following items in support of CVWD's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW San Bernardino District at DDW-SanBernardinoFO@waterboards.ca.gov:

- The EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- The Resolution or Board Minutes certifying the EIR, adopting the MMRP, and approving the Project; and
- The date stamped 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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