
State Water Resources Control Board

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CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA (WATER SYSTEM)
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR CALIFORNIA STATE
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA CAMPUS MASTER PLAN (PROJECT),
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2024040326

Dear Carmen Chan:

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 Angeles District jurisdiction. The Angeles 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 State Water Board, DDW has the following technical recommendations regarding the Project planning:

- The Water System should reach out to the Angeles District [(818) 551-2004 and/or by email at DWPDist22@waterboards.ca.gov], early in the Project design phase to ensure compliance with all necessary drinking water permit regulations for the proposed facilities.
- Well 2 meets the requirements of an extremely impaired source under [DDW's Process Memo 97-005-R2020](#) (Memo). The Water System will need to submit sequential technical background and strategy information for review and approval by DDW, as directed in the Memo.
- If the complete technical background and strategy information are approved by DDW, the Water System should submit project design drawings and as-built plans to the Angeles District for all proposed modified or new sources (Cal. Code

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of Regs. § 64560), treatment (Cal Code of Regs § 64658[a]), and storage infrastructure (Cal. Code of Regs. § 64585[b]) prior to construction and/or approval.

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

- The Project will expand building space and provide for up to 30,000 full time-equivalent students on the campus through 2040 (PDF page 25). The Project will also construct a new 570,000-gallon reservoir to replace the existing lower reservoir and install a Well 2 volatile organic compound wellhead treatment system, including a reverse osmosis water treatment train (PDF page 124). The well and treatment system will be able to produce an additional 300,000 gallons per day of domestic water (PDF page 124). In Table 3-3 Proposed Master Plan and Related Approvals (PDF page 131), please add the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water as an applicable and responsible agency and add approval of a domestic water supply permit amendment for the addition of a new reservoir, changes to the status of an existing source, and for changes in treatment [Cal. Code Regs. § 64556].

When the CEQA process is completed, please forward the following items with the permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Angeles District at DWPDIST22@waterboards.ca.gov:

- The EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- The Resolution or Board Minutes certifying the EIR and adopting the MMRP; 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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