
State Water Resources Control Board

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Mr. Jack Gao
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MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT (WATER SYSTEM), INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR THE B2 RESERVOIR PROJECT (PROJECT), STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2025081340

Dear Mr. Gao:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the IS/MND 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 Monterey District jurisdiction. The Monterey 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, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has the following comments on the IS/MND:

- The Water System will need to apply for a permit amendment for the addition of a new distribution reservoir. Under Section 2.6 Project Approvals, Responsible and State Agencies, please add “State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water: domestic water supply permit amendment.”

When the CEQA process is completed, please forward the following items with the permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Monterey District at DWPDIST05@waterboards.ca.gov:

- The IS/MND, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and comments received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- The Resolution or Board Minutes certifying/adopting the IS/MND and approving the Project; and
- The Notice of Determination filed at the County Clerk’s Office and the State Clearinghouse.

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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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