
State Water Resources Control Board

November 10, 2025

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CITY OF BUENA PARK (CITY), INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION (IS/MND), FOR THE PEAK PARK WATER WELL PROJECT
(PROJECT), STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2025100619

Dear Mr. Jason Tran:

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 Santa Ana District jurisdiction. The Santa Ana 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 City will need to apply for a domestic water supply permit amendment for a new drinking water source and treatment changes. Under Section 3.5 Discretionary Actions, please list "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water domestic water supply permit amendment."
- In Section 3.0 Project Description, The Project proposes installation of a new well. However, when discussing the Project in the checklist, the IS/MND states the Project involves rehabilitation of the City's existing well 29 (PDF page 76). And in another section only mentions installation of the pipeline (PDF page 105). Please update the project description to be consistent throughout the document and then analyze all the defined components of the Project, as needed.
- Appendix F, the Hydrogeological Analysis and Preliminary Design Memorandum, notes potential ground water quality issues, including total dissolved solids, volatile organic compounds and perchlorate that may exceed

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the State's contamination limits and the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances near the new well site (PDF pages 571 & 575). Update the project description to include the possible treatment infrastructure that may be needed and analyze the potential associated environmental impacts of that treatment process, if any.

- Under Section X Hydrology and Water Quality (e), please discuss if the Project will conflict with or obstruct implementation of the sustainable groundwater management plan in the Orange County Groundwater Basin.

When the CEQA process is completed, please forward the following items with the permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Santa Ana District at DWPDIST08@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 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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