

State Water Resources Control Board

November 24, 2025

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OAK FLAT WATER DISTRICT (OFWD), INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/ND) FOR THE OAK FLAT WATER DISTRICT MULTI-YEAR WATER BANKING AND TRANSFER PROGRAM (PROJECT), STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2025101239

Dear Ms. Athena Hansen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the IS/ND for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Drinking Water (DDW), issues domestic water supply permits under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This Project may fall under multiple DDW District jurisdictions, including the Angeles District. DDW Districts issue domestic water supply 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. Water Systems listed in Table 1 (PDF page 7) of the IS/ND may need to apply for an amendment for a new drinking water source.

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

- In Section 7, Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required, when discussing who may have additional discretionary approvals, please add the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water.

Once the CEQA process is completed, please forward the following items in support of water system(s) permit application to Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov:

- The IS/ND and comments received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- The Resolution or Board Minutes certifying/adopting the IS/ND, and approving the Project; and
- The Notice of Determination filed at the County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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