
State Water Resources Control Board

Tim Kasper
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Dear Mr. Tim Kasper:

INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR
WEAVERVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (WATER SYSTEM); EAST
WEAVER WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT); TRINITY
COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2025120793

DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY PERMIT AMENDMENT

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) is responsible for issuing water supply permits under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This Project is under the jurisdiction of the Klamath District, which issues permit amendments for new or modified domestic water sources or system components as per Title 22 California Code of Regulations chapter 16 et. seq. Projects creating a new public water system require a domestic water supply permit to operate. Similarly, changes to existing permitted water systems necessitate a permit amendment for modifications to supply sources, storage, or treatment, as specified in § 64556. The Water System will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for operation of a new storage reservoir and new treatment.

FUNDING

We understand that the Water System is also pursuing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing for this Project. As a funding agency and a state agency with jurisdiction by law to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources, the State Water Board is providing the following water quality related comments on the IS/MND circulating for the Project.

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance, is responsible for administering the DWSRF Program (Program). The primary purpose for the Program is to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act and various state laws by providing financial assistance for drinking facilities improvements to provide clean potable drinking water, and thereby protect and promote health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the state.

All applicants seeking financing must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provide the appropriate environmental documents to the State Water Resource Control Board, so that it can fulfill its CEQA responsibilities, see [CEQA](#)

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[Requirements](#). For additional Program information, the complete environmental application package and instructions, please visit:
[Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Forms and Instructions](#).

Following are the State Water Resources Control Board's specific comments on the Water Systems's draft IS/MND:

- The IS/MND indicates that the project construction work would directly affect ephemeral streams (PDF page 65). Please discuss the ephemeral stream reach(s) that will be impacted, the potential impacts that will occur, and what actions will be taken to mitigate these impacts.

If an application for funding will be submitted, please upload to Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool the following applicable documents for the proposed Project: (1) one copy of the draft and final IS/MND with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), (2) the resolution adopting the IS/MND and the MMRP, (3) all comments received during the review period and the Water System's response to those comments, and (4) the Notice of Determination filed with the Trinity County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, State Clearinghouse. In addition, we would appreciate notices of any hearings or meetings held regarding environmental review of any projects to be funded by the State Water Board.

If funding will not be pursued, please forward the above requested documents with your permit amendment application to the State Water Board, DDW Klamath District Office at DWPDIST01@waterboards.ca.gov

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Water System's draft IS/MND. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 449-5285, or by email at Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov or contact Mrs. Bridget Binning at (916) 449-5641, or by email at Bridget.Binning@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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