
State Water Resources Control Board

September 22, 2026

Mr. Trevor Hoaas
City of Jackson
33 Broadway
Jackson, CA 95642

Dear Mr. Hoaas:

INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON (CITY); WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT); AMADOR COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2026090154

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 (State Water Board, DDW) is responsible for issuing water supply permits pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act. This Project is within the jurisdiction of DDW Stockton District. DDW Stockton District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to the public water systems serviced with a new or modified source of domestic water or new domestic water system components pursuant to Waterworks Standards (Title 22 California Code of Regulations [Cal. Code Regs.] chapter 16 et. seq.). If a project proposes to create a new public water system, that system requires a domestic water supply permit to operate. If a project involves certain changes to an existing permitted water system, a water supply permit amendment is required for changes to a domestic water supply source, storage, or treatment and for the operation of new water system components- as specified in the Cal. Code Regs. § 64556. The City will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for operation of a temporary storage reservoir, operation of two new permanent storage reservoirs, and a change in treatment.

FUNDING

We understand that the City is also pursuing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing for this 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.

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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 Requirements](#). In addition, because the Program is partially funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency additional federal environmental documentation (cross-cutters) may be required. For additional Program information, the complete environmental package and instructions, please visit: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRFForms.html.

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

- Under Table 2-2 Regulatory Requirements, Permits, and Approvals, when discussing State Water Board approvals and permits please also include “a domestic water supply permit amendment” and “possible funding” (PDF page 31).
- The Project's description and plans are unclear.
 - Will the two new tanks be built within the footprint of the existing reservoir (PDF pages 3, 97, 107, 113, 121, 144, 145, 148, and 167), or just south of the existing reservoir (PDF pages 28, 35, 88, 117, and 145)? If the two new tanks are built south of the reservoir, will the temporary tank be needed (PDF page 121)? If so, what will happen with the temporary tank after the Project is completed? Please clarify the planned locations of the new tanks, the plans for the temporary tank, and update the site plan, as needed.
 - According to discussions between the Project's engineering design firm and the State Water Boards, Division of Financial Assistance's project manager for the planning project [0310001-001P]), there are plans to install a chlorination system within the new building. However, this treatment was not mentioned in the document. As part of the Project Description, please discuss the chlorination system and evaluate any potential impacts associated with construction and operation of the chlorination system.
- Under Section 4.9.2, when discussing the disposal of hazardous materials, please indicate if the exiting reservoir (components) may contain lead, asbestos, or other hazardous contaminants. If so, please also discuss how water quality will be protected during the demolition and removal process (PDF page 117).
- The IS/MND also includes the following discrepancies regarding funding and authorities that need to be updated:
 - Under Section 2.3 Characteristics, the IS/MND lists the Department of Water Resources as the funding entity of the planning project (PDF page 23), but the City procured planning grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board (0310001-001P). Please update the IS/MND to reflect the correct funding entity.
 - Under Section 4.10.2.2 State Plans, Policies, Regulations, and Laws, the IS/MND indicates the California Department of Public Health has authority

over drinking water regulations (PDF page 123). However, authority to regulate public water systems transferred from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board on July 1, 2014. Please update the IS/MND to reflect the State Water Resources Control Board as the agency that implements drinking water regulations in California (PDF page 123).

- Under Section 5.1.1 Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the document discusses the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (PDF page 175), but the City will be applying for funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Please update this section to reflect the correct funding program (PDF page 175).

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 City's response to those comments, and (4) the Notice of Determination filed with the Amador 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 Stockton District Office at DWPDIST10@waterboards.ca.gov

Thank you for the opportunity to review the City'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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