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AUG 22 2007

Mr. Arden Wallum
Project Director
Mission Springs Water District
66575 Second Street
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Dear Mr. Wallum:

MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT); RIVERSIDE COUNTY; GROUND WATER PROTECTION PROJECT: PHASE IV (PROJECT); GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 06-158-557-0

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) from the District for the proposed Project. Since the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is funding the District's Project, it must make its own findings based on the lead agency's CEQA document.

For the proposed Project, the District is the lead agency. We have reviewed the IS/MND and Mitigation Monitoring Program from the District and consider the documents adequate for our purposes. In addition, the District followed the CEQA process and filed a Notice of Determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on March 1, 1999. The District has since re-approved the Project and IS/MND in a letter dated May 15, 2007.

Thank you again for the submittal of the environmental information. If you have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please contact Ms. Michelle L. Jones at (916) 341- 6983 or MLJONES@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Evoy, Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Mike Kashak
Grant Manager
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

California Environmental Protection Agency

Ms. Natalie McMahon
Grant Contact
Mission Springs Water District
66575 Second Street
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✓ Ms. Marilyn McKay
Mission Springs Water District
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Mr. Doug Wylie
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
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FINDINGS:

1. The City adopted an IS/MND for the Mission Springs Water District Sewer Improvement Project on February 16, 1999 (State Clearinghouse No. 1998091062), which includes the funded Project. The City filed an NOD with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on March 1, 1999, and has since re-approved the Project and IS/MND in a letter dated May 15, 2007.
2. State Water Board staff finds that the IS/MND, MMP, and the supporting documents provide an adequate disclosure of the environmental relationships of all water quality aspects of the Project.
3. Adequate public participation was provided through the California Environmental Quality Act process through a public comment period.
4. State Water Board staff have reviewed and considered the IS/MND, MMP, and the supporting documents and determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.


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Barbara L. Evoy, Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance

8/22/07
Date

State Water Resources Control Board
Environmental Clearance

Mission Springs Water District (District)
Ground Water Quality Protection Project: Phase IV (Project)
Grant Agreement No. 06-158-557-0

BACKGROUND:

The Project involves the conversion of approximately 600 existing septic disposal systems to a sewer conveyance and treatment system. The District provides water and sewer services to several communities. The Project is located in north central Riverside County, within and adjacent to the City of Desert Hot Springs. The Project includes only Area L—Phases 1 and 2 of the Mission Springs Water District Sewer Improvement Project.

The primary objective of the Project is to permanently alleviate wastewater discharge from individual wastewater disposal systems into the Desert Hot Springs and Mission Creek Municipal Aquifers. Thousands of individual wastewater disposal systems have been identified as a significant threat to public potable groundwater resources. This Project will permanently remove these known pollution sources and facilitate water recycling.

The District prepared for its Sewer Improvement Project an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that was distributed to the public and circulated through the State Clearinghouse (State Clearinghouse No. 1998091062) for review from September 18, 1998 through October 19, 1998. The District received no comments. The District approved the IS/MND, Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP), and the Project on February 16, 1999, and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on March 1, 1999. The District re-approved the Project and IS/MND in a letter dated May 15, 2007.

Project tasks include: (1) performing public outreach, (2) preparing project design, (3) constructing pipelines from approximately 46,200 linear feet of eight-inch vitrified clay sewer pipeline, 30,200 linear feet of four-inch vitrified clay sewer laterals, and requisite appurtenances in the public right-of-way to approximately 1,200 parcels, (4) generating as-built drawings and pre- and post-construction and abatement photo documentation, (5) obtaining and submitting written Rights-of-Entry agreements, and (6) abating approximately 600 individual wastewater disposal systems and connecting properties to the public wastewater collection system.

This Project will help protect the beneficial uses of the Mission Creek and Desert Hot Springs aquifers (located within the Coachella Valley Ground Water Basin) as set forth in the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan. Existing and potential beneficial uses of the Mission Creek and Desert Hot Springs aquifers that will be preserved by this Project include: (1) industrial service supply, (2) agriculture supply, and (3) municipal and domestic supply. State Water Board staff have reviewed the IS/MND, MMP, and supporting environmental documents and determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

Brent Gray

From: Marilyn McKay
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 11:53 AM
To: Brent Gray
Subject: FW: NOD for MSWD 06-158-557-0

From: Marilyn McKay
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 3:34 PM
To: Michael Kashak
Subject: NOD for MSWD 06-158-557-0

Hi Mike:

I believe we have found the documentation that would satisfy the request for MSWD's NOD on the Groundwater Protection Project. Attached in PDF format are the following:

Search results from the State Clearinghouse showing the NOD filed and received on March 1, 1999, as part of SCH #98091062
The text of the NOD dated February 16, 1999, identifying the MND previously submitted with application for Agreement 06-158-557-0
Cancelled check for recording fees, processed by the Riverside Recorder on March 4, 1999

Please let me know if anything else is required. We have one eye on the clock and realize this work needs to be completed by September 1, 2008. We are more than ready to assist with any other questions, so that we may move forward and accomplish our commitments in the agreement.

Please call if anything else is needed.

Thanks,
Marilyn

Marilyn E. McKay
Mission Springs Water District
760/329-5169, ext. 144
Fax 760/329-2482



May 15, 2007

California Regional Water Quality Board
Colorado River Basin
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Attn: Michael Kashak, Environmental Scientist

RE: CEQA Recertification for Area L Phase 1 and 2 Sewer Improvement Project (Grant ID # 06-158-557-0)

This letter is to confirm that the approved CEQA document (Mitigated Negative Declaration) for the Sewer Improvement Capital Project known as Area L Phases 1 and 2 for the Mission Springs Water District in the County of Riverside is still accurate, deemed complete, and in compliance with the official environmental documents dated and filed with the RCWQB February 16, 1999. The District finds that there are no changes in the environmental setting or in the original scope of work as described in the original project documents. The original NEPA document has also been accepted by the EPA as provided in the original project submittal. The District feels that no further environmental work or CEQA documentation will be required to continue design and construction associated with this project. Please see the attached letter from our engineer and environmental consultant regarding their findings.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (760) 329-6448.

Sincerely,

Arden Wallum
General Manager

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General Manager:

Arden Wallum



**Mitigated Negative
Declaration:**

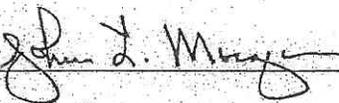
A mitigated negative declaration has been issued pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. A true and correct copy of the mitigated negative declaration is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Documents:

Copies of all documents incident to issuance of the Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at the cost of reproduction or inspected at the Office of the Agency.

Dated: February 16, 1999

Mission Springs Water District

By:  _____

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To: Mission Springs Water Dist.

Attn: Marilyn

Phone: _____

Fax: 760-329-2482

From: Tamara Smith

Phone: (951) 486-7405

Date of Transmittal: 8/9/07

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SCH Number: 1998091062

Type: NOD

Project Description

CONVERSION OF APPROX 5,000 EXISTING SPETIC DISPOSAL SYSTEMS TO A SEWER CONVEYANCE AND TREATMENT SYSTEM THROUGH THE PHASED CONSTRUCTION OF APPROX 62.8 MILES OF SEWERLINE & ONE MILLION GAL PER DAY EXPANSION OF THE DISTRICTS EXISTING HORTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Project Lead Agency

Mission Springs Water District

Contact Information**Primary Contact:**

GEOGE THACKER
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT
760 329-6448

Project Location

County: RIVERSIDE

City: DESERT HOT SPRINGS

Region:

Cross Streets: MISSION LAKES, LONG CANYUON, DILLON

Parcel No:

Township: 2S3S

Range: 5e

Section: 4-8

Base:

Other Location Info:

Determinations

This is to advise that the Lead Agency Responsible Agency has approved the project described above on 1/1/1900 and has made the following determinations regarding the project described above.

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Final EIR Available at:

Date Received: 3/1/1999

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May 11, 2007

Dan Patneaude
Engineering Manager
Mission Springs Water District
66575 Second Street
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Subject: Mission Springs Water District's Sewer Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Patneaude:

We have reviewed the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above-referenced project, dated February 16, 1999. Accordingly, it is our opinion that the impacts associated with this project, along with the adopted mitigation/monitoring measures described in the MND, are still accurate and reasonable. Therefore, no further CEQA work needs to be conducted.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have any questions regarding our opinion, please contact us at 951-686-1070.

Sincerely,

ALBERT A. WEBB ASSOCIATES



Keith Gardner, Director
Planning and Environmental Services

cc: Alvaro Garcia

Marilyn McKay

From: Scatliffe.Uedico@epa.gov
To: Thursday, January 18, 2007 9:27 AM
Marilyn McKay
Cc: Stahl.Elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: Mission Springs NEPA Documents

Hello Marilyn:

I have reviewed the NEPA documents for the Mission Springs Water District Desert Hot Springs grant. My review determined that the original Finding of No Significant Impact and the underlying analysis that supported this decision are still relevant and accurate. No further analysis is needed at this time. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks, Uedico.