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State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

June 15, 2016

System No.: 2010002

Mr. David Tooley, City Administrator
City of Madera
205 W. Fourth Street
Madera, CA 93637

Dear Mr. Merchen:

State Water Resources Control Board Notice Regarding Mandatory Consolidation

Effective June 24, 2015, Senate Bill 88 (Statutes 2015, Chapter 27) added Sections 116680 – 116684 to California Health & Safety Code, addressing consolidation of public water systems.

Our records indicate that the water delivered by the Madera County Maintenance District No. 19 – Parkwood public water system (System) is inadequate at times to meet the demands of the System's customers. In addition, the water delivered contains levels of manganese in excess of the secondary drinking water standard. Since approximately June 2014, the System has failed to consistently provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. It is the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water's (Division) understanding that an emergency connection has been installed between the City of Madera (City) and the County's Parkwood System. The emergency connection was first utilized in 2014 for an eight month period to allow for rehabilitation of the System's existing well (Well No. 3) and an agreement with the City was reestablished this year.

The Division issued a pre-consolidation letter dated December 7, 2015 (enclosed) encouraging the County and the City to work out a voluntary consolidation of their public water systems. The County responded favorably to the pre-consolidation letter indicating that the County is willing to work towards consolidation with the City. The City did not provide a response to the letter but indicated verbally that it is likely that a consolidation will happen at some point in the future. However, a consolidation agreement was not made between the County and the City. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) strongly encourages the County's Parkwood System and the City to work out voluntary consolidation of their public water systems. If a voluntary consolidation is not timely achieved, the State Water Board intends to take action pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 116682, subdivision (a) for consolidation of the County's Parkwood Water System with the City's public water system. Please note that as used in the applicable statutory authority, the City is hereby identified as the potentially receiving water system and the County's Parkwood Water System is identified as the potentially subsumed water system.

This letter serves as official notification that, pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 116682, subdivision (b) (6), the City, the potentially receiving water system, is directed to negotiate consolidation with the Madera County – Parkwood Water System, the potentially subsumed water

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system. The City is further directed to complete such negotiations and report the outcome to State Water Board Division of Drinking Water, Merced District Office not later than six (6) months following the date of this letter.

The State Water Board acknowledges that consolidation is a complex process and stands ready to assist you so that you are successful in delivering safe, affordable and accessible drinking water to your neighboring community in a cost-effective manner. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 116682 subdivision (b) (6) (A), during the six month negotiation period, the State Water Board will provide technical assistance and work with the City and County to develop an appropriate and necessary financing package. Technical assistance will be available from the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW) and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mrs. Kassy Chauhan, Merced District Engineer for the State Water Board, DDW, at (559) 447-3316, or me at (559) 447-3132. For funding related questions, please contact the Division of Financial Assistance at (916) 341-5700.

Sincerely,



Carl L. Carlucci, P.E.
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DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robert Poythress, Mayor, City of Madera
Mr. David Merchen, City of Madera – Community Development Director
Mr. David Randall, Public Works Director, City of Madera
City Council, City of Madera
Madera County Board of Supervisor
Mr. Norman Allinder, Director, Madera County Community and Economic Development
Mr. Ahmad Alkahyat, Director of Public Works, Madera County Public Works Dept.
Mr. Dexter Marr, Environmental Health Director - Madera County Environmental Health
Mr. David Braun, Executive Officer, Madera LAFCO



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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

December 7, 2015

Mr. Ahmad Alkhayyat,
Interim Public Works Director
County of Madera
200 West 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637

Dear Mr. Alkhayyat:

Effective June 24, 2015, Senate Bill 88 (Statutes 2015, Chapter 27) added Sections 116680 – 116684 to California Health & Safety Code, addressing consolidation of public water systems.

Records at the State Water Resources Control Board's – Division of Drinking Water (Division) indicate that the water delivered by the Madera County Maintenance District No. 19 – Parkwood public water system (System) is inadequate to meet the demands of the current customers. In addition, the water contains levels of manganese in excess of the secondary drinking water standard. In 2014, the Parkwood water system was out of water for a period of time due to a failure of the single source of supply for the Parkwood system. As a result, an emergency intertie was constructed with the City of Madera water system and the Parkwood system was supplied water by the City of Madera for approximately nine months. The supply from the City of Madera was shutoff following the rehabilitation of the Parkwood well (Well No. 3) but the emergency intertie remains in place. It is the Division's understanding that the Parkwood service area is outside the boundaries of City of Madera (City) but within the City's sphere of influence. It is also the Division's understanding that Parkwood's service area and distribution system are within about 25 feet of the City's boundary and distribution system.

The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) strongly encourages the Parkwood Water System and the City to work out voluntary consolidation of their public water systems. However, if a voluntary consolidation is not achieved in a timely manner, the Board may make the decision to exercise its authority pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 116682, subdivision (a) to achieve consolidation of the Parkwood System with the City's public water system.

The Board acknowledges that consolidation is a complex process and stands ready to assist you so that you are successful in delivering safe, affordable and accessible drinking water to your community in a cost-effective manner. The Board will provide technical assistance and work with the City and the County to develop an appropriate and necessary financing package. Technical assistance will be available from the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW) and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA).

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (559) 447-3316. For funding related questions, please contact Mr. George Faggella at (916) 449-5652.

Sincerely,



Kassy D. Chauhan, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer
Merced District
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

CC: Mr. David Randall, Public Works Director – City of Madera
Mr. David Braun, Executive Director - Madera County LAFCO