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Division of Drinking Water

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John Helminski
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Dear Mr. Helminski:

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, SYSTEM NO. 3790020, PROJECT NO. 792 NORTH CITY PURE WATER PROGRAM APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of San Diego (City) is planning to augment its domestic water supply with recycled municipal wastewater. Specifically, the City will take recycled water from the North City Water Reclamation Plant, provide additional treatment at the North City Advanced Water Treatment Plant and convey the advanced treated effluent to Miramar Reservoir. Miramar Reservoir is used as an existing drinking water supply for the City and is treated at the existing Miramar Water Treatment Plant. The City has provided a report, "North City Pure Water Project Title 22 Engineering Report", dated June 2018 that describes the proposed treatment and evaluates compliance with the proposed surface water augmentation regulations in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW) has reviewed the information provided. DDW has completed an evaluation of the proposed treatment technology and finds that the proposed technology will ensure that the recycled water meets all applicable primary and secondary drinking water standards. Prior to the City discharging recycled water to Miramar Reservoir, a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit must be issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. Prior to the City's use of Miramar Reservoir as a drinking water source of supply for the Miramar Water Treatment Plant, an amended Drinking Water Supply Permit must be issued by DDW. Provided that the City complies with the conditions of the NPDES and Drinking Water Supply Permit, the City should be capable of providing water to consumers that poses no significant threat to public health and is in compliance with statutory and regulatory drinking water requirements at all times.

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In order to comply with Health and Safety Code Section 116551, three duly noticed public hearings are required to be held in the area where the recycled water is proposed to be used or supplied for human consumption to receive public testimony on that proposed use. Specifically, the City must comply with the following:

1. Develop information to be provided to the public at the public hearings and on the City's Internet Web site. This information shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Descriptions of the project;
 - b. Identification of the municipal wastewater source for the project
 - c. Descriptions of the treatment processes, monitoring, contingency plans; and
 - d. The anticipated DDW and Regional Board permit provisions applicable to the project.
2. Provide DDW, for its review and written approval, the information the city develops pursuant to item 1. Following DDW's approval of the information, the City shall place the information on a Web site managed and operated by the City, and in a repository (such as a local public library) in a manner that provides at least 30 days of public access to the information prior to each public hearing. For each of the public hearings, the City shall make copies of the information available to the public.
3. No less than 30 days prior to placing the information required pursuant to item 1 and 2 in a repository, notify its customers and all public water systems that may receive drinking water impacted by the project of the following:
 - a. The location and hours of operation of the repository,
 - b. The Internet address where the information may be viewed,
 - c. The purpose of the public hearing and the repository, along with a brief description of the project,
 - d. The manner in which the public can provide comments, and
 - e. The date, time and location of the public hearing; and
4. Deliver the public notification required pursuant to item 3, in a manner to reach all public water systems and person whose source of drinking water may be impacted by the project. The manner of delivery shall be by direct mail and using one or more of the following methods:
 - a. Local newspaper(s) publication of general circulation; and/or
 - b. Television and/or radio broadcast locally.

DDW hereby approves the City to proceed with noticing and holding the required public hearings.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Erica Wolski at 619-525-4772 or erica.wolski@waterboards.ca.gov or Randy Barnard at 619-525-4022 or randy.barnard@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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