

## State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

July 26, 2019

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Trevor Hawkins, Planner  
City of Tehachapi  
115 S. Robinson St.  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

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### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

**RE: COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP), SAGE RANCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, SCH# 2019070009, CITY OF TEHACHAPI, SYSTEM NO. 1510020**

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water ("DDW"), is in receipt of the Notice of Preparation ("NOP") of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and the Initial Study, dated July 2019, for the Sage Ranch Development Project ("Project"), proposed in City of Tehachapi.

City of Tehachapi's domestic water supply system is under the regulatory jurisdiction of our office: DDW - Tehachapi District (#19). City of Tehachapi operates its domestic water supply system under the authority of Permit No. 03-19-11P-007, issued by our office on May 20, 2011.

Potable water is mentioned on Page 2-6 of the Initial Study, in the paragraph titled *Infrastructure*. The paragraph states that the Project will require connection with City of Tehachapi for potable water. DDW has reviewed NOP and has the following comments, which should be addressed in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Report.

1. City of Tehachapi currently serves 3125 service connections. At build out, the Sage Ranch Development Project would add 1000 more service connections. Per requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, City of Tehachapi will have to submit a permit amendment application to expand its service area, prior to the construction of the Project.
2. City of Tehachapi will have to demonstrate that it has enough **source capacity** to meet the Maximum Day Demand and Peak Hour Demand of the Water System, taking into consideration the additional demand from the Project. City of Tehachapi **may need to install additional sources** to meet this requirement.
3. City of Tehachapi will have to demonstrate that it has enough **storage capacity** to meet the Maximum Day Demand and Peak Hour Demand of the Water System. City of Tehachapi **may need to install additional storage tanks** to meet this requirement.

Please note that DDW will not issue a permit a permit amendment to City of Tehachapi, unless it can demonstrate it has sufficient source and storage capacity to meet the potable water demand

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in the Water System. Therefore, the Draft Environmental Impact Report should address the environmental impact of installing additional sources and storage tanks to the City of Tehachapi Water System and any other actions that the City plans to take to adequately serve the Project and comply with the State Water Board's requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Aayush Khurana at (661) 335-7346 or [aayush.khurana@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:aayush.khurana@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal, P.E.  
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