
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Comment on Initial Study Checklist Proposing Formation of Independent Special District – Spring Valley Lake, San Bernardino County, State Clearinghouse No. 2019120661

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) received an Initial Study Checklist from San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act regarding a proposal to form a new independent district and dissolve County Service Area No. 64 (CSA 64). A new Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (District) would have numerous service authorities granted including water, wastewater collection, street sweeping and solid waste. The Water Board supports forming an independent Special District for the Community of Spring Valley Lake and provides the following comments on the Initial Study.


1. CSA 64 is an enrollee under State Water Board General Order 2006-0003-DWQ (*Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems*) and is assigned Waste Discharge Identification Number (WDID) No. 6SSO11379. The new District would have to apply with the State Water Board to transfer this enrollment and become responsible for compliance. This includes preparing and implementing a *Sewer System Management Plan*, maintaining the sewer collection system and all appurtenances, and reporting all sewage spills to the State Water Board's California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) database.
2. CSA 64 and the Spring Valley Lake community are within the urbanized area of the Victor Valley. San Bernardino (representing CSA 64) is an enrollee under State Water Board General Order 2013-0001-DWQ (*General Permit Waste Discharge Requirements for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems - MS4s*) and is assigned WDID No. 6B36M2000166. The new District may have to apply with the State Water Board to transfer this enrollment and become responsible for compliance. This includes participating in regional

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monitoring conducted by the Mojave Watershed Group and preparation and submission of required reports.

3. Water Board staff concurs with the Initial Study, Section X (Hydrology and Water Quality), in that the project to dissolve CSA 64 and form the District would have No Impact in this category. However, the Initial Study does not identify the relevant water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) for the project area.
 - a. Beneficial Uses for both surface and groundwater are described in the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region* (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan, Table 2-1, describes the beneficial uses of Hydrologic Unit No. 628.20 Upper Mojave Hydrologic Area for the Mojave River, Upper Mojave River Lower Slough, Minor Surface Waters, and Minor Wetlands as: Municipal, Agricultural, Groundwater Recharge, Freshwater Replenishment, Power, Recreational-1, Recreational-2, Commercial and Sport Fishing, Warm Habitat, Cold Habitat, and Wildlife Habitat. The Basin Plan, Table 2-2, describes the beneficial uses of the Upper Mojave Groundwater Valley (Department of Water Resources Groundwater Basin No. 6-42) as Municipal, Agricultural, Industrial, Freshwater Replenishment, and Aquaculture.
 - b. Water Quality Objectives for both surface and groundwater are described in the Basin Plan, Chapter 3. Surface water quality objectives are established for ammonia, bacteria, bio stimulatory substances, chemical constituents, chlorine, color, dissolved oxygen, floating materials, oil and grease, non-degradation, pH, radioactivity, sediment, settleable materials, suspended materials, taste and odor, temperature, toxicity, and turbidity. Groundwater quality objectives are established for bacterial, chemical constituents, radioactivity, and taste and odor.

Please send future information regarding this project to the Water Board's email address at Lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov as well as the Water Board project staff. If you have questions please contact me at (760) 241-2434 Jehiel.cass@waterboards.ca.gov.



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