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California Energy Commission
Mr. Mike Conway
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Conway:

During a recent email, you requested the City of Carlsbad to assess whether or not a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) to evaluate the impacts of providing potable and reclaimed water to the amended CECP is necessary. The City will not be preparing a WSA because we do not believe such an assessment is required or appropriate.

The purpose of the WSA, as required by SB 610, is to assure adequate potable water is available for a project as defined by the State Water Code 10912. WSAs are not required for recycled water. Section 10912 requires a WSA for all "projects," which are defined to include, among other types of residential housing developments, a "proposed industrial, manufacturing, or processing plant, or industrial park planned to house more than 1,000 persons, occupying more than 40 acres of land, or having more than 650,000 square feet of floor area." The City's practice is to only issue WSAs for projects that meet these requirements. A WSA in these cases is typically prepared for the project proponent by a consultant with special expertise, requires approximately 2-4 months, and costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The amended CECP will employ approximately 10-20 people, resides on approximately 31 acres, and the floor area totals approximately 16,000 square feet. The City of Carlsbad has looked at the amended CECP and determined that it does not qualify as a "project" under State Water Code 10912 and therefore does not require a WSA.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kirsten Plonka'.

Kirsten Plonka
Utilities Engineering Manager

