



## Westlands Water District

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July 17, 2020

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Patricia Schifferle  
Pacific Advocates  
[pacificadvocates@hotmail.com](mailto:pacificadvocates@hotmail.com)

Re: Request for Records

Dear Ms. Schifferle:

I write in response to your June 29, 2020, electronic mailing, in which you wrote:

1. Is there a new Initial Study? If so please email it or send me a link. A brief review of the document on WWD's website indicates this is the same document presented to the WWD Board in June.
2. Is there federal compliance with NEPA? If so please send those documents and correspondence with Reclamation
3. Please provide any response to the previous Initial Study comment letters.
4. Once again please provide the water quality monitoring reports and the referenced water quality plan requested.

I provided a second response to your request on July 9, 2020 (enclosed).

On June 5, 2020, you requested well monitoring data and the referenced water quality monitoring plan. In response to this request, the District provides the Department of Water Resources Water Quality Assessment of Non-Project Turn-ins to the California Aqueduct for years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

You previously requested a copy of the San Luis Canal Non-Project Water Pump-in Program – 2020 Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Plan) referenced in the Westlands Water District Groundwater Pumping and Conveyance Project Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration. District staff informed you that the District did not have that record. We anticipated receiving a copy of this Plan by this week, unfortunately, preparation has been delayed. We anticipate receiving a copy of the Plan intended for public review on or before July 24, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at [JGutierrez@WWD.Ca.Gov](mailto:JGutierrez@WWD.Ca.Gov) or (559) 241-6215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jose Gutierrez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jose Gutierrez  
Chief Operating Officer



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The District has not prepared a new Initial Study. As indicated in June at the regular meeting of the Westlands Water District Board of Directors, the District will provide a 30 day comment period on a draft Initial Study, after the United States Bureau of Reclamation completes its 2020 Water Quality Monitoring Plan. The District did not hold the public hearing you reference because of the District's decision to provide the additional 30-day comment period.

As to No. 2, above, you clarified in an electronic mailing dated July 7, 2020, that you seek "correspondence between WWD and Reclamation with regard to any NEPA analysis or evaluation of the environmental impacts, any correspondence regarding NEPA documents, the NEPA documents, and Reclamation's compliance with NEPA for the newly proposed Groundwater Pumping and Conveyance Project and any previous compliance documents." With respect to No. 2, the District has determined that, pursuant to California Government Code section 6253(c), this request seeks records that are subject to production. The District has been and will continue to be diligent in its efforts to ensure that all disclosable records are made available to you as soon as possible;

unfortunately, that effort has been delayed, in part, because of challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The District anticipates that it will produce records responsive to you by July 31, 2020. The District will notify you if it anticipates a delay from there.

As to No. 3, above, the District does not have response to the previous Initial Study comment letters.

On June 5, 2020, you requested well monitoring data and the referenced water quality monitoring plan. Consistent with the District's June 15, 2020, response, the District will provide non-exempt responsive records on or before July 17, 2020, unless, as I indicated on June 15, 2020, the District anticipates a delay, then the District will notify you.

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