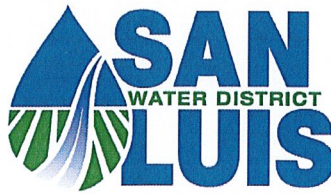


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April 15, 2020

Marianne Mollring
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Subject: Rescind the approval of Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study No. 7104 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3528 by Shawn Shiralian

Dear Ms. Mollring,

Thank you for providing San Luis Water District (District) the opportunity to comment on the proposed action being considered by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

San Luis Water District (District), for several reasons supports rescinding the Initial Study and Conditional Use Permit. The District will not approve, nor provide water service to any development project unless the project proponents have secured a supply of water which the District, in its sole and absolute discretion, considers to be adequate to meet the water demands for the entire development.

The District will vigorously object to the approval of any development project by the County or any other land use authority which does not provide a source of firm, reliable water adequate to serve the entire development at build out, and evaluate the environmental impacts of the use of this water by the development. The District will strenuously oppose any such approvals if an adequate reliable water supply has not been secured and dedicated to the District.

Furthermore the District has been issued from the State Water Resources Control Board Office of Drinking Water, Water Supply Permit 03-11-19P-012 that specifically states "*SLWD must deny any new requests for connections to the raw surface water transmission system that would use the connection for domestic purposes*".

The District only has access to agricultural surface water supplies that are unreliable and can't sustain the firm demand of domestic use. Other sources of water such as groundwater are extremely limited, and in most cases will not meet the water quality requirements for domestic use.

Please take note of the challenging water supply characteristics for proposed developments within the District. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please don't hesitate to contact the District, (209) 826-4043.

Sincerely,

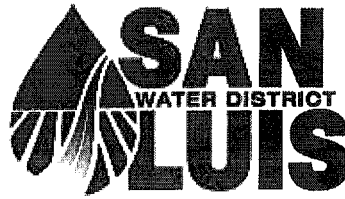

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Enclosures: March 16, 2016 Letter to Mr. Derek Chambers

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Date: March 15, 2016

To: Derek Chambers, Development Services Division, Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning

Re: **Initial Study Application No. 7104 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3528 – Revised Site Plan and Revised Operational Statement**

Dear Mr. Chambers,

Thank you for providing San Luis Water District (SLWD or District) the opportunity to comment on the possible impacts for the proposed project; we have reviewed your letter dated March 2, 2017 discussing the proposed development at Paul Negra Road and I-5.

Upon review of the application, it appears that the proposed project is anticipating utilizing a groundwater well for its water supply and will not need to depend upon the San Luis Water District for a supply or conveyance. Although the San Luis Water District is not requested to provide a Municipal and Infrastructure (M&I) water supply, and to make is abundantly clear to the applicant, the District will not provide a "can and will serve" letter to the development if requested. The property in question does not receive an M&I allocation from the United States Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project. This property may be eligible to receive an agricultural allocation. However, the planned use as contemplated by the conditional use permit is not an agricultural operation therefore the agricultural water supply is not an adequate supply.

In summary, and in accordance with District policy, the District will not provide any new development water supply from its current allocation and/or supplemental water supplies; it is the responsibility of the project proponent to secure its own supply of water outside of the District. The project proponent must independently secure an adequate water supply (quality and quantity) for the life of the project.

If you have any questions or comments in regards to this letter, please don't hesitate to contact the District, (209) 826-4043.

Kindest Regards,



Vince Lucchesi, PE
District Engineer, San Luis Water District