

Toro Park Water System Improvement Project
CEQA Comments regarding Initial Study
Review period of January 30 through March 10, 2023

1. February 14-15, 2023 – Jonathan Weininger, Monterey District Engineer, California State Water Resources Control Board
 2. February 15-16, 2023 – Michael Weaver
 3. March 1, 2023 – Edward Ballaron, Air Quality Planner, Monterey Bay Air Resources District
 4. March 7, 2023 – Brenda Granillo, District Manager, California Water Service Company
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Montoya, Thomas L.

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Cc: Sandoval, Cheryl L.; Schmitz, Lori@Waterboards; Taylor Fagan; Fidel Salamanca; Joseph Sidor; Snyder, Anna C.@Waterboards; Young, Benny J.
Subject: RE: Toro Park Water System Improvement Project

Hello Jonathan,

That is correct. The well will only provide water for irrigation. The new irrigation pipeline is planned to split the irrigation off the potable water system. Toro Park will remain on Cal Water Services for domestic use. Additionally, the park does not treat the water received from Cal Water in any way.

Thanks,

THOMAS L. MONTOYA, PMP
Project Manager

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Thank you, Thomas.

Just to confirm, the plan for the well is only irrigation and doesn't include any domestic use?

Also, does the park treat the water from Cal Water in any way, such as applying chlorine?

Thanks,
Jonathan Weininger
Division of Drinking Water | (831) 655-6932

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EXTERNAL:

Below are responses to your additional questions.

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Thomas, thank you for the clarification.

I have two other questions:

1. Have you circulated this document with Cal Water? Cal Water provided site maps during initial project coordination. Preliminary plans (currently at CD60%) have been developed based on these maps. Final design will be submitted to Cal Water to review our proposed by-pass connection point i.e. location where a meter could be placed if we decided to switch back to Cal Water services.
2. Is the well you mentioned currently in use for irrigation? No. The well is in a non-operable state and does not currently have a pump. A new pump would be installed at a later date after plans have been reviewed and permitted by all jurisdictions having authority. We have plans to clean, re-line, and test capacity with a temporary pump that will be removed (basis of final design). The existing well use to service the entire park up until the 1970's.

Thanks,
Jonathan

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Subject: RE: Toro Park Water System Improvement Project

EXTERNAL:

Hello Jonathan,

Yes you are correct. Toro Park is currently serviced by Cal Water for all its water needs including irrigation. The scope of this project includes rehab of an existing well and installation of new irrigation lines which will be commissioned to provide the park irrigation water essentially reducing the need for Cal Water services. Potable water services will still be provided by Cal Water.

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Hello Thomas, I was reviewing CEQAnet and I saw this project posted for water system improvements at the Toro Park, including rehabilitation of a well.

Is this part of a permitted public water system? I believe the Toro Park is served by California Water Service Company.

[Toro Park Water System Improvement Project \(ca.gov\)](#)

Thanks,

Jonathan Weininger, PE

Monterey District Engineer

[State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Drinking Water](#)

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Montoya, Thomas L.

From: Michael Weaver <michaelweaver@mac.com>
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Montoya, Thomas L.
Cc: Flores, Bryan
Subject:

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Thank you Gentlemen for the clarification.

Mike

On Feb 16, 2023, at 7:36 AM, Montoya, Thomas L. <MontoyaTL@co.monterey.ca.us> wrote:

I concur with Bryan.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Toro Park Water System Improvement Project

From our understanding the well used to feed the entire park but due to sand infiltration and possibly with the EPA reducing the arsenic threshold it was taken out of service and the Cal Water service was established.

The new irrigation line will run parallel to the potable Cal Water line.

Bryan Flores

Chief of Parks

Public Works, Facilities & Parks (PWFP)

County of Monterey

FloresB1@co.monterey.ca.us

831.796.6425

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From: Michael Weaver <michaelweaver@mac.com>
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Hello, Mr. Montoya,

Did the defunct well on site produce potable water, prior to being defunct?

Is the one mile of pipeline replacing old pipe,
or is it new pipe coming from, or going to, new places?

Thank you,

Mike Weaver

On Feb 15, 2023, at 9:22 PM, Montoya, Thomas L. <MontoyaTL@co.monterey.ca.us> wrote:

Thanks for the opportunity to reply Bryan. You've captured the project scope accurately. I'd like to clarify that the well rehab/irrigation scope will be completed in parallel and under the same permit as the booster station upgrades which consist of replacing the monitoring/control system. The booster pump station is currently on the Cal Water potable water system and will remain that way. As you noted, there is no increase to the capacity.

Also, there is no change to the footprint of turf area being irrigated.

Many thanks,

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Hi Mike,

Yes, family is good and while the new baby girl is quite tiring, she is most definitely amazing! Thanks for

asking.

The Toro Park water and utility project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and is part of a suite of projects the County is undertaking at numerous parks and facilities. The main goal of the Toro Park project is to rehab the defunct well to get it back online so that we can stop using municipal potable water (Cal Water) to irrigate the turf areas. The well was taken offline over a decade ago due to sand intrusion and we have been on municipal water ever since with an annual cost of \$50,000 to \$100,000. The new pipeline is necessary to split the irrigation off of the potable water system. The pipeline will go from the well site at the front of the park to Quail Meadows at the back of the park. The booster station upgrades are not part of the irrigation/well project. The booster station pushes potable water uphill to the Youth Overnight Area and the Environmental Center/Volunteer campground and is in need of some minor work to make it work more reliably and efficiently, not to increase capacity.

I've copied Thomas Montoya who is managing the project for Parks in case he has any additional information.

Thanks Mike, take care.

Bryan Flores
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Hello Bryan Flores,

I hope all is well with you, your family, and, the newborn.

I go back a long way with Toro Park, and have been upset like many others regarding it's maintenance needs. I am curious though as to the need for 1-mile of new irrigation pipeline. Is this all pipeline to be connected to the existing Toro Park well and water system? Is there to be new irrigation uses? We all know of the Toro area's (lack of) water issues. I assume upgrading an existing booster station is for purposes of pushing more water, and more water uphill?

Please advise as to what's going on.

Thank you very much.

Mike Weaver

831-484-2243

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Toro Park Water System Improvement Project

County of Monterey Thomas Montoya (831) 796-6433 montoyatl@co.monterey.ca.us

Notice of Intent (NOI) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Water system improvements at Toro Regional Park, located near the City of Salinas, California . The improvements include: 1) rehabilitation of an existing well; 2) installation of approximately 1 mile of new irrigation pipeline; and 3) upgrade of an existing booster station

Project Location: Portola Drive Salinas Monterey County

Parcel: 161011009000

Public hearing information: TBD

Public review period ends **Wednesday, March 1, 2023.**

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March 1, 2023

County of Monterey
Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department
Attn: Thomas Montoya
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Salinas, CA 93901

SUBJECT: Toro Park Water System Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Montoya

Thank you for providing the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (Air District) with the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Toro Park Water System Improvement Project. The Air District has reviewed the MND and has the following comments:

Air Quality

○ Construction Emissions

- To further reduce construction-related emissions including odors and short-term diesel particulate matter, the Air District recommends using construction equipment which conforms to the Air Resources Board's Tier 3 or Tier 4 emission standards. Where feasible, construction equipment should use alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas, propane, electricity, or biodiesel.

○ Fugitive Dust Control

- Fugitive dust can be mitigated while maintaining compliance with MBARD Rule 402 (Nuisance) and CEQA Guidelines, Section 8.2 by implementing the following Best Management Practices as applicable:
 - Water all active construction areas at least twice daily. Frequency should be based on the type of operation, soil, and wind exposure.
 - Prohibit all grading activities during periods of high wind (over 15 mph).
 - Cover all trucks hauling dirt, sand, or loose materials.
 - Cover inactive storage piles.
 - Maintain at least 2'0" of freeboard in haul trucks.
 - Apply chemical soil stabilizers on inactive construction areas (disturbed lands within construction projects that are unused for at least four consecutive days).

Engine Permitting

○ Internal Combustion Engines: Rule 201, Section 4.14

- If an emergency generator is needed to support the construction process or the operation of the Booster Station, a permit maybe required. Any stationary piston-type

internal combustion engine of greater than or equal to 50 brake horsepower (bhp) requires a permit. Please contact MBARD's Engineering Division if there are any questions regarding the permitting process.

Hazardous Materials

- **Asbestos Piping**

- The Air District wants to ensure that if older underground asbestos (Transite) piping is encountered during trenching, the requirements of Air District Rule 424 National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants could be triggered. Please contact Shawn Boyle, Compliance Program Coordinator, at (831) 718-8010 or sboyle@mbard.org for more information regarding this rule.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Toro Park Water System Improvement Project. Please let me know if you have any questions. I may be reached at (831) 718-8030 or eballaron@mbard.org.

Best Regards,



Edward Ballaron
Air Quality Planner

cc: David Frisbey

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document should be sent to the contact noted above at (831) 757-9516. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please contact the Department to confirm that the entire document was received.

For reviewing agencies: The Public Works, Facilities, and Parks Department requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments. In compliance with Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, please provide a draft mitigation monitoring or reporting program for mitigation measures proposed by your agency. This program should include specific performance objectives for mitigation measures identified (CEQA Section 21081.6(c)). Also inform the Department if a fee needs to be collected in order to fund the mitigation monitoring or reporting by your agency and how that language should be incorporated into the mitigation measure.

All written comments on the Initial Study should be addressed to:

County of Monterey
Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department
Attn: Thomas Montoya
1441 Schilling Pl South 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Toro Park Water System Improvement Project

From: Agency Name: California Water Service
Contact Person: Brenda Granillo
Phone Number: 831-901-6665

- No Comments provided
 Comments noted below
 Comments provided in separate letter

COMMENTS: See Attached 2 pages.



CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

Salinas District 254 Commission Street, Salinas, CA 93901-3737
Tel: (831) 757-3644

County of Monterey
Public Works, Facilities, and Parks Department
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March 7, 2023

RE: Toro Park Water System Improvement Project

Mr. Montoya,

California Water Service (Cal Water) supports the County of Monterey's (County) proposed project to rehabilitate the existing Toro Park Well to provide irrigated water in and to Toro Park. Previously, the well provided potable water; however, due to water quality issues, well water should only be used for irrigation. It appears that this is the intent of the County in the rehabilitation project as part of the project includes installation of a new irrigation pipeline to the Toro Park Well.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) appears to represent that the Toro Park Well is County owned and operated. While that has been discussed with the County, the necessary transfer of the well from Cal Water to the County has yet to be effectuated. Cal Water seeks to coordinate with the County to amend the existing operation and maintenance agreement between the parties, which currently includes the existing well in Toro Park. The amendment will appropriately relinquish use and control of the well to the County. In addition to our request to amend the agreement, Cal Water will coordinate the disconnection between the existing irrigation pipes from Cal Water's potable water system, which includes disconnection from services; meters that currently provide irrigated service to the park. Cal Water is currently signed up for PG&E service that provides power to the pump motor for this well. We need to coordinate a date to transfer service to the County. These issues should likely be added to the IS/MND project description (Section II (C)).

Separately, Cal Water will continue to provide potable water service to the project site as noted under Section IV (19) of the IS/MND, page 14. Potable water is not provided from the Toro Park Well that is subject to the rehabilitation.

We look forward to working cooperatively with the County on its irrigation project going forward, including amending the existing agreement, disconnect existing irrigation services, transfer PG&E service and other ancillary tasks to bring the project to completion.

I will be the point of contact for this coordination.

Regards,

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