



# EL DORADO COUNTY

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**Subject: Response to review of the Draft CEQA Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration – Country Club Heights Erosion Control – Phase 3 Project, SCH#2020019048, El Dorado County**

Dear Mr. Greg Hendricks:

Thank you for your time to review the County of El Dorado Community Development Services, Department of Transportation (County) Draft CEQA Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) submittal for the Country Club Heights Erosion Control - Phase 3 Project (Project). The County acknowledges receipt of your comments via certified mail dated February 6, 2020.

The Project is located within the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Basin. As a result, the Project occurs within the jurisdiction of the Lahontan Region of the Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB).

Provided below are general responses to the applicable sections listed in your letter.

1. Regulatory Settings  
Basin Plan

**Response:** The County will be working within the regulatory framework as established in the Lahontan Region Basin Plan, including the amendments made to the Basin Plan for Lake Tahoe.

Antidegradation Considerations

**Response:** The County understands the Project must comply with the Antidegradation Policy of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) permitting processes. The Project does not include discharge of waste to high quality waters and will implement best management practices during construction to protect both ground and surface water quality.

## 2. Permitting Requirements

### Construction Stormwater General Permit

**Response:** The County understands the requirement to obtain a Construction Stormwater General Permit. As discussed in the IS/MND, the County will prepare and submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the LRWQCB to be implemented during construction.

### Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits

**Response:** Construction of the Project will not conflict with the County's existing municipal storm water program.

### Industrial Storm Water General Permit

**Response:** The Project does not involve industrial sites.

### Clean Water Act Section 401 / 404 Permit

**Response:** As presented in the IS/MND, the Project does not propose impacts to jurisdictional aquatic resources, and therefore would not be required to obtain a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) Section 404 permit. The County will coordinate with the LRWQCB to identify if a Section 401 is required for the Project.

### Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Waters of the State

**Response:** The County intends to comply with the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and understands that if the USACOE determines non-jurisdictional waters of the State are present onsite, a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit may be required to construct the Project.

### Dewatering Permit

**Response:** The County will follow the regulatory requirements established by the LRWQCB and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) for dewatering, if needed for construction of the Project.

### Limited Threat General NPDES Permit

**Response:** The Project will not discharge any encountered groundwater to waters of the United States.

### NDPES Permit

**Response:** The County is currently under the Lake Tahoe Municipal NPDES Permit (Order R6T-2017-0010).

We thank you for your comments regarding the Country Club Heights Erosion Control – Phase 3 Project. The County will continue to inform the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board of the progress of the Project through Project Delivery Team (PDT) meetings. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (530) 573-7914 or by email at [daniel.kikkert@edcgov.us](mailto:daniel.kikkert@edcgov.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'DK', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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