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**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** Alicia Forsythe  
**Subject:** Re: CEQA

I reviewed the drafts you sent of Chapter 1-4. I did not have any comments other than what you noted below that it may be good to somehow identify actions DWR will be taking as a Responsible Agency. Also, Table 4-2 should list DWR needing to approve some type of operational agreement with SRA.

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Hi David – Jerry sent your email onto me. Perfect timing. We will be sending Chapters 1 through 4 to Responsible Agencies today for review. You will get an email from me later this afternoon. We do not yet have the whole document ready for review, but will be getting chapters out as they are ready.

I appreciate your list of DWR's actions below. I think we will need to update the text in Chapter 1 to reflect these as we have some of these described more generally.

Ali

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Jerry...

Just a reminder that DWR, as a responsible agency, wants to be involved in the development of the revised environmental documents for the Sites Project. We will rely on that document to meet DWR's needs for the following actions and plan to issue CEQA findings and a Notice of Determination based on the Sties environmental documents.

- Agreement with Sites Authority for operations
- SWP Long Term Water Supply Contract amendment for participating Contractors and/or agreements
- Water rights petitions
- Emergency Response Public Benefit Agreement
- Flood Control Public Benefit Agreement (no CEQA needed)

We would like to review the Administrative draft to see that it adequately covers these items.

We have recently reviewed the Los Vaqueros EIR/EIS and found that they have adequately covered similar DWR actions in their documents.

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