ADDENDUM to the

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

for the

SANCHEZ-HOGGAN ANNEXATION Stockton, CA

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The City Council of the City of Stockton certified the *Environmental Impact Report for the Sanchez-Hoggan Annexation* on June 23, 2020. Subsequent to EIR certification, the City prepared additional information related to water supply should be included in the EIR. The additional information has been examined in light of the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines §15162 through §15164, which provide in part:

15162. SUBSEQUENT EIRS AND NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

Excerpt from §15162(a): No subsequent EIR shall be prepared for the project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, that 1) substantial changes are proposed in the project, 2) there have been substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, or 3) new information of substantial importance shows that the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration, or will result in substantially more severe significant effects than were identified in the previous EIR. If mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, the need for a subsequent EIR may be triggered.

15164. ADDENDUM TO AN EIR OR NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Excerpt from §15164: The lead agency may prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.

The addition of this information to the EIR would not trigger any of the requirements of CEQA Guidelines 15162 for preparation of a subsequent EIR and would be consistent with the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15164 for preparation of an addendum. The additional information supplements the certified EIR but does not relate to or describe any material change in the project as described in the EIR, and no change to the project is proposed. The EIR was certified and the project was approved by the City Council less than three months prior to adoption of this addendum. There has been no known change in the circumstances of the project as they were understood at the time of EIR certification, and there has been no substantial new information identified that would dictate additional analysis of environmental effects or reconsideration of EIR certification. The information

included in this addendum is consistent with and reinforces information and analysis provided in the EIR. Therefore, adoption of this addendum is consistent with the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15164 and §15162 as described above.

By adoption of this addendum, the following text is added to the Impact UTIL-2: Water Services and Facilities subsection of Chapter 17.0 of the Environmental Impact Report for the Sanchez-Hoggan Annexation.

Impact UTIL-2: Water Services and Facilities

As with wastewater, the proposed development on the project site would require water service and thus connection to the City's water system, including the installation of new on-site water lines and connection to existing City mains in the area. This is not expected to have a significant environmental impact, as much of the area is already developed and has connections to the water system.

As of 2015, the City had 96,480 acre-feet of water per year available by right or from safe yield. Based upon the 2015 water demand of 26,319 acre-feet per year, the City had 70,161 acre-feet of water available to serve additional development (Brown and Caldwell 2016). A technical supplement to the City's 2035 Wastewater Master Plan uses a water demand factor for industrial development of 1,785 gallons per day per acre (West Yost 2017a). Based on this factor, it is estimated that proposed project development would generate a water demand of approximately 303,039 gallons per day, or approximately 339.45 acre-feet per year. The City has adequate water supplies to serve the proposed development.

Effective January 1, 2002, Senate Bill 610 amended state law (Water Code 10910-10915) to require land use agencies with authority over large development projects to document the availability of an adequate supply of potable water and to include this documentation in the CEQA EIR or Negative Declaration for the project. The required documentation is known as a Water Supply Assessment (WSA).

WSA requirements apply to projects involving more than 500 residential units, commercial projects employing more than 1,000 persons or having more than 500,000 square feet of floor area, and industrial projects employing more than 1,000 persons, occupying more than 40 acres of land or having more than 650,000 square feet of floor area. The proposed project exceeds each of the industrial thresholds for WSA preparation.

The purpose of the WSA is to demonstrate that planned water supplies are adequate to meet existing and projected future water demands, more specifically whether the public water system's total projected water supplies over a 20-year period will meet the projected water demand associated with the proposed project in addition to other projected water demands during normal, single dry and multiple dry water years. Urban water management plans (UWMPs) contain similar information, and this information can be used to meet WSA requirements. The City of Stockton has an adopted UWMP titled the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (Brown and Caldwell, 2016). This information was reviewed during preparation of the EIR, which stated that adequate water supply was available to serve the project.

Water Code §10910 - §10915 requires that the land use agency request preparation of the WSA from the responsible public water system. In the case of the proposed project, the City of Stockton is both the land use agency and the public water service provider. The City Municipal Utilities Department (COSMUD) has prepared a WSA for the proposed project.

The WSA titled Water Supply Assessment for the Sanchez-Hoggan Project and dated August 2020 concludes that the City has sufficient water supplies to meet the water demands of the Project. This WSA determines that the COSMUD can support the Project based on the 2015 UWMP. COSMUD has shown, without a doubt that sufficient water supplies exist to meet the Project's build-out water demand as well as all existing and reasonably foreseeable water demands.

<u>COSMUD</u> makes this determination based on the information provided in this WSA and on the following specific facts:

- <u>The existing near-term and long-term reliable supplies of surface water</u> <u>supplies and indigenous groundwater supplies can deliver a sustainable</u> <u>reliable water supply to meet existing and foreseeable water demands</u> <u>without impacting environmental values and/or impacting the current</u> <u>stabilization of the groundwater basin underlying the COSMA.</u>
- <u>The Project water demands will be positively affected by the</u> <u>implementation of COSMUD's Demand Management Measures.</u>
- <u>The existing and future use of groundwater supplies has been</u> <u>extensively described in the 2015 UWMP which includes the Eastern</u> <u>San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Management Plan by reference. All</u> <u>studies show that sufficient groundwater supplies exist.</u>

The proposed project would involve an increase in water demand, but the City would not be required to obtain additional supplies. Proposed development under the project would be consistent with the development anticipated in the supplement to the City's Water Master Plan. Project impacts on the City's water system would be less than significant.

<u>Level of Significance</u>: Less than significant <u>Mitigation Measures</u>: None required