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## State Water Resources Control Board

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Mr. Sandeep Nayyar  
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Bay Area Vipassana Center  
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### **SUBJECT: BAY AREA VIPASSANA CENTER PERMIT PROCESS AND STATUS**

Dear Mr. Nayyar,

The Division of Drinking Water (Division) is providing this letter to Bay Area Vipassana Center (BAVC) to explain the Division's permitting process for proposed public water systems. A public water system is defined within Section 116275 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) as a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. BAVC is proposing to construct and operate a public water system at 9201 Matador Road in Gilroy to serve a meditation center that hosts 10-day retreats attended by 150 students and volunteers daily. Potable water will be provided by an on-site groundwater supply well. The water will be stored within a 40,000-gallon tank and three 15,000-gallon tanks for gravity distribution to 16 buildings. As specified within Section 116525 of the CHSC, no person shall operate a public water system unless an application is submitted to, and a Domestic Water Permit (Permit) is received from, the Division.

### **Permit Process**

BAVC must submit a permit application to the Division. The Division detailed in the previous letter, dated February 9, 2021, a non-exhaustive list of information that must be submitted along with the permit application. This information is necessary for the Division to assess if the proposed project complies with regulation.

## **Determination**

BAVC cannot be considered for a permit to operate a public water system at this time because a permit application and all required supporting information has not been provided to the Division. Partial information will not be considered as part of the permit application, so BAVC's proposed public water system is not approved at this time. Please review the Division's previous letter, which is attached for reference.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Katz at (510) 620-2988.

Sincerely,

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State Water Resources Control Board

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