State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

October 01, 2025

Mr. Charles Bergson (Public Works Director)
City of Los Banos Water System - CA2410005
411 Madison Ave.
Los Banos, CA 93635

HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM COMPLIANCE PLAN APPROVAL LETTER

Dear Mr. Bergson,

On October 1, 2024, the hexavalent chromium regulations came into effect. The regulation required all community and non-transient-non-community (NTNC) water systems to sample for hexavalent chromium. If the initial sample exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) (10 µg/L), the system was required to start quarterly sampling. If a source exceeds the hexavalent chromium MCL by a running annual average (RAA) the water system is required to submit a compliance plan within 90 days.

On June 25, 2025, the City of Los Banos sampled all 13 wells for the second quarter monitoring, and the results caused the RAA to exceed the hexavalent chromium MCL. The City of Los Banos is required to submit a compliance plan within 90 days of the notification date. On September 29, 2025, the City of Los Banos submitted a compliance plan and schedule for review and approval. The State Water Board has reviewed and approved the compliance plan, along with its associated schedule. This review is solely for the purpose of ensuring compliance with section 64432(q). This does not constitute the State Water Resources Control Board's approval of a proposed project. The District Office reserves its full discretion when deciding whether to issue a permit or an amended permit after you complete your permit amendment application.

The compliance plan includes the proposed construction of well head treatment at the respective wells and specifies the following dates by which milestones are to be completed. Should any of the dates in Table 1 change, the City of Los Banos shall propose the new dates and receive approval from DDW prior to exceeding the approved dates below.

The City of Los Banos should update DDW when the milestones in the table below have been completed.

Table 1 Milestones and their Approved Dates

Anticipated Final Date to complete the Engineering Report	09/2026
Anticipated Final Date to Submit Plans and Specifications:	09/2028
Anticipated Date of Commencing Construction:	02/2029
Anticipated Date of 100% Complete Construction:	12/2030
Anticipated Date for Final Operations Plan Submittal:	12/2030

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Hien Dang at 559-447-3309 or me at 559-447-3300. You may also contact us via email at dwpdist11@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Orlando M. Gonzalez

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