

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SCH #:** 2016111012

**PROJECT #:** 1510016-005C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Arsenic Remediation New Well Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 501 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, Kern County CA 93528

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes upgrading the existing water supply by adding an additional water source on public land to comply with federal and state drinking water standards to resolve elevated levels of arsenic in drinking water. The Project includes equipping a test well (well No. 3) as a production well and blending with water from Well No. 2 in a blending tank. A 6-inch water supply pipeline will be constructed connecting the Well No. 3 to the proposed blending tank at the existing Well No. 2. The existing pipeline at Well No. 2 will be reconfigured to discharge into the new low profile 80,000-gallon blending tank. A new booster pump station (BP) will be located at the Well No. 2 site to pump water from the blending tank into the existing 4-inch transmission main to BP No.1, and ultimately to the treated storage tanks. If necessary, chlorination will be achieved by injecting sodium hypochlorite solution into each of the raw water pipelines from Well No. 2 and Well No. 3 prior to blending. In addition, approximately 11,250 feet of 4-inch water pipeline between BP No. 1 and BP No. 2 along the north side of Redrock Randsburg Road will be replaced with a 6-inch water pipeline. The Project also includes amending the existing Right-of Way (ROW) on Bureau of Land Management land with an issuance of an access road ROW easement. Construction staging include the areas surrounding the disturbed well site, along the pipeline alignments, and along the existing ROW.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on August 17, 2020. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Rand Communities Water District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Michael Powell

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A record of financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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