



Orange County Water District
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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Orange County Clerk Recorder
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Mesa Water District Wells No. 12, No 14, and Pipeline Project

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH 2019029119

Responsible Agency: Orange County Water District
Lead Agency: Mesa Water District
Contact Person: Shawn Nevill
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Project Location: The proposed Mesa Water District Wells No. 12 and No. 14 and Pipeline Project ("Project") site is located in the City of Santa Ana, in the central portion of Orange County (County), within Section 28 of Township 5 South, Range 10 West, on the Newport Beach, California, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute Quadrangle Map (2015). Well No. 12 is located at 4011 W. Chandler Avenue. Well No. 14 is located at 3120 S. Croddy Way. The proposed pipeline will connect the two wells to the Mesa Water District's distribution system traversing Chandler Avenue to Croddy Way to W. MacArthur Boulevard to Hyland Avenue.

City: Costa Mesa and Santa Ana

Project Description: Mesa Water District is proposing to construct two new potable water wells on approximately 0.89 acre of land located in the City of Santa Ana, California. In order to provide additional local water reliability, Mesa Water District purchased two properties within the City of Santa Ana to be used as groundwater well sites. Proposed Well No. 12 and associated structures and equipment would be constructed within a 0.43-acre site. Proposed Well No. 14



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and associated structures and equipment would be constructed within a 0.46-acre site. Each well site will include a well building, electrical building, Southern California Edison transformer, chemical storage area, emergency backup generator, and a well water waste air gap. Both wells are located outside of Mesa Water District's service area and will require the construction of approximately 4,500 feet of pipeline to connect the proposed wells to Mesa Water District's existing system.

The project is a component of the larger Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP), a watershed-scale collaborative program designed to improve the Santa Ana River watershed's water supply resiliency and reliability to which the Orange County Water District is a participating agency.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified by the Inland Empire Utility Agency for the SARCCUP project in 2019 (State Clearinghouse Number 2016101079) which identified the Orange County Water District as a Responsible Agency to the SARCCUP project. The Orange County Water District, as Responsible Agency, approved the SARCCUP EIR in April 2019. As a component of the implementation of the SARCCUP project, the Orange County Water District will provide grant funding for Mesa Water District's Wells No. 12 and No. 14 and Pipeline Project.

Mesa Water District certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse Number 2019029119) for the Wells No. 12 and No. 14 and Pipeline Project in 2019, which identified the Orange County Water District as a Responsible Agency. In the Orange County Water District's capacity as a Responsible Agency, the Orange County Water District Board of Directors approved a grant funding agreement with the Mesa Water District and approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Wells No. 12 and No. 14 and Pipeline Project in March 2021.



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This Notice of Determination is to advise that the Orange County Water District (Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project as a Responsible Agency under CEQA on March 17, 2021 and has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

- The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval for this project.
- A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
- Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

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Principal Planner

03/18/2021

Signature

Title

Date

County Clerk: Please post for 30 days in accordance with Section 21152(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act.



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2019 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/18) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print **StartOver** **Finalize&Email**

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 30-2019 ~~0150~~ 0168
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)
 2016101079

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY: INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: DATE: 02/25/2019
 COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING: Orange DOCUMENT NUMBER: 201985000171

PROJECT TITLE: SANTA ANA RIVER CONSERVATION AND CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT (SARCCUP) JOINT PROJECTS.

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME: INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL: PHONE NUMBER: (909) 993-1646

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS: 6075 KIMBALL AVE. CITY: CHINO STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 91708

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)
 Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,271.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,354.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,112.00	\$	0.00

Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fees previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE: *X Nadia Al Obaidi* AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE: NADIA AL OBAIDI, DEPUTY CLERK

Governor's Office of Planning & Research
 FEB 26 2019
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE