

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

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

FROM:

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

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2017062076

PROJECT NUMBER: 5510013-010C

DOCUMENT TITLE: Cuesta Heights Water Storage and Distribution Improvements Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located throughout the cities of Columbia and Sonora, within Tuolumne County. Improvements would be located on the following Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs): 35-070-51 (Cuesta Heights Tank and supply and distribution mains), 35-070-35 (Cuesta Heights Pump Station and supply and distribution mains), 33-040-31, 35-010-73 (pipeline from Sawmill Flat Road to Pedro Y Tank), 33-381-20 (Gopher Tank), 34-330-21 (420K Tank and 420K Pump Station), 35-131-29 (Saratoga Tank and two pressure reducing stations), 34-330-21, 34-330-24, 34-370-15, and 34-330-17 (pipeline that connects the 126K Tank and the distribution system just below the 420K Tank) or within the right-of-way of Shaws Flat Road, Gibbs Drive and Redbud Drive.

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 referred to internally as Cuesta Heights Water Storage. The Project includes the following:

- a) Abandon and dismantle three (3) storage tanks;
- b) Install a new 600,000 gallon water storage tank in the Columbia/Gibbs Water System;
- c) Install two (2) new pump stations;
- d) Install five (5) new pressure reducing stations or Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV).
- e) Construct 1,800 linear feet of new ten (10) inch water main from Sawmill Flat Road to the existing Pedro Y Storage Tank;
- f) Replace the existing Pedro-Y Tank with a new welded steel tank of the same or lesser dimensions, capacity, and elevation as the existing tank Construct 3,400 linear feet of new ten (10) inch supply water main along Shaws Flat Road to the proposed Cuesta Heights Tank;

- g) Construct 3,050 linear feet of new ten (10) inch distribution water main along Shaws Flat Road from the proposed Cuesta Heights Tank;
- h) Construct 550 linear feet of new ten (10) inch water main from the existing 126K Storage Tank around the existing 420K Storage Tank;
- i) Abandon and dismantle three (3) pump stations

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on April 23, 2024. The Tuolumne Utilities District will be carrying out the Project. 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. The Project will not have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board’s jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Impact Report 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.

LEAD AGENCY: Tuolumne Utilities District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Cyndi Schlenz

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Records of the 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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