

Notice of Determination

To:

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2013091076

Project Title: Stockdale Integrated Banking Project - Addendum No. 2

Project Applicant: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

Project Location (include county): APNs 104-250-28; 104-250-07; 407-320-06 - Kern County, California

Project Description:

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Rosedale, RRBWSD, District), as lead agency, has prepared and adopted Addendum No. 2 to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), State Clearinghouse No. 2013091076, describing modifications made to the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project (Project) and subsequent addenda, as well as clarifying Rosedale's Fallow Transfer Program pursuant to the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The FEIR evaluated potential environmental impacts from construction and operation of the Stockdale East and Stockdale West banking areas, as well as the Central Intake and the yet-to-be developed third project site. Portions of the third project site were identified in Addendum No. 1 to the FEIR. This Addendum No. 2 to the FEIR further identifies and modifies portions of the third project site previously defined in Addendum No. 1 (see APNs listed above).

Modifications to the Project include the construction and operation of recharge and recovery facilities on the above-identified portions of the third project site (see APNs listed above), referred to as the McCaslin Recharge Ponds and Bowling Recharge Ponds. Therefore, Addendum No. 2 to the FEIR analyzes the potential effects of constructing and operating portions of the third project site for recharge and recovery purposes within Rosedale's Conjunctive Use Program and Rosedale's Fallow Transfer Program. Three (3) new recovery wells are proposed to be constructed on portions of the third project site for additional project recovery capacity. One (1) recovery well is to be located on the Bowling Recharge Ponds, and two (2) recovery wells are to be located on the McCaslin Recharge Ponds. A groundwater impact analysis was completed for the addition of the three (3) Project wells. Results of the analysis demonstrate that the impacts resulting from the location and operation of the recovery wells on the third project site are similar to the impacts described in the FEIR. Therefore, there are no new significant impacts or reasonably foreseeable physical changes to the environment as a result of the location and operation of the recovery wells described in Addendum No. 2. Additionally, implementation of Rosedale's Fallow Transfer Program on a portion of the proposed third project site would provide a

water supply benefit of 680 AFY. Water supply benefits as a result of the Rosedale Fallow Transfer Program would be utilized down gradient in the Kern Sub basin to offset pumping demands that already exist due to nearby agricultural activity. The Fallow Transfer Program would offer resultant water-use savings to third parties (i.e., White Lands, districts, and private parties) in exchange for water supply and/or financial payments which are yet-to-be-developed. The net groundwater pumping for agriculture demand in the Kern Sub basin would be reduced as a result of employing the Rosedale Fallow Transfer Program. Therefore, there are no new significant impacts or reasonably foreseeable physical changes to the environment as a result of the implementation of the Rosedale Fallow Transfer Program.

This notice is to advise interested parties that the District has determined that the proposed modifications to the Project would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Furthermore, new information associated with the proposed modifications does not indicate that: the Project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the adopted FEIR; significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the adopted FEIR; mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible; or mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the adopted FEIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the Project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternative. Accordingly, an addendum has been prepared as opposed to a supplemental or subsequent EIR. Additional site-specific Hydrology, Biota, and Cultural studies were completed and attached to the Addendum No. 2. Findings and proposed mitigation measures are the same as those found in the FEIR and will be complied with by RRBWSD. The proposed modifications would not result in new or more severe significant impacts that would not be addressed by the existing Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. The Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District has adopted the Addendum No. 2 in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines Section 15164.

The record of Project approvals (including Addendum No. 2) may be examined at Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314, during normal business hours, or by contacting the District at 661-589-6045.

This is to advise that the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 1/11/22 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314 or at <https://www.rrbwsd.com/>

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Engineer-Manager

Date: 1/11/22 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____