

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: 2017111058

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8155-210

PROJECT TITLE: Improvements Project at the Biola WWTP (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located on approximately 13.8 acres on the west side of Howard Avenue adjacent to and southwest of the community of Biola, Fresno County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes converting the existing, completely-mixed pond to an aeration basin, allowing treated effluent to be discharged to existing percolation ponds. In addition, secondary clarifiers will be constructed west of the completely-mixed pond for sludge removal and recycling. Three existing wells will be abandoned and capped in place. Three monitoring wells will be constructed in the same footprint as the abandoned wells. A solar system will be installed within the existing fenced area of the WWTP.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on October 14, 2021. The Biola Community Services 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 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: Biola Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Eduardo Antunez

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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.

Signature: _____ Date: October 15, 2021

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