

SUBSEQUENT ACTION NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Consistency Determination Pursuant to CEQA Section 15162)

To: San Benito County Clerk-Recorder
1601 Lana Way
Hollister, CA 95023

From: San Benito County Water District
30 Mansfield Road
Hollister, CA 95023

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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State Clearinghouse Number: 2012081028

Project Title: West Hills Water Treatment Plant

Project location: 2544 Union Rd. Hollister, CA

Project Applicant: San Benito County Water District, 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, CA 95023

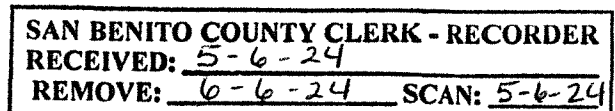
Description of Previous Action/Project: The San Benito County Water District (District) previously prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR; State Clearing House No. 2012081028) for the West Hills Water Treatment Plant (WHWTP) project.

The WHWTP was constructed in 2017 and is owned by the District. It is located at 2544 Union Road in Hollister, CA 95023. The Hollister Conduit supplies raw water to the WHWTP. The conduit is a large diameter pipeline (42"-60") that conveys CVP water from San Luis Reservoir to San Benito County. The raw water pump station (RWPS), located at a site adjacent to Union Road, is currently sized to deliver a range of flows from 1 to 4.5 MGD.

The current WHWTP design capacity is 4.5 MGD, with an annual average flow of 2.25 MGD. As evaluated in the 2014 WHWTP EIR, at full buildout the plant is expected to have an ultimate design capacity of 9 MGD with an annual average flow of 4.5 MGD. The main treatment process consists of high-rate clarification (Actiflo Carb) and dual media filtration.

Description of Current Project: As evaluated in the 2014 WHWTP EIR, the District is implementing an expansion of the WHWTP design capacity from 4.5 MGD to 6.75 MGD. The expansion is necessitated by forecasted increases in treated water demand and the need for drought resilience in the District's service territory.

The expansion will be based on retaining the same processes and system design as the existing WTP. The main components of the expansion include:



- One new 2.25 MGD raw water pump added to the existing raw water pump station (RWPS)
- One new 4.5 MGD automatic strainer added upstream of Actiflo-Carb
- One new 4.5 MGD ballasted clarification pretreatment based on Veolia's Actiflo Carb treatment process
- One new 2.25 MGD dual media gravity filter with plastic block underdrains
- Chemical feed and storage facilities:
 - One 2500-gallon sulfuric acid storage tank
 - One 6650-gallon sodium hydroxide storage tank
- One new 500,000-gallon prestressed concrete clearwell tank
- One new solids drying bed sized for the 2.25 MGD expansion.

The environmental analysis contained in the 2014 WHWTP EIR considered future expansion and installation of additional water treatment equipment and related improvements to a buildout capacity of 9 MGD. Thus, the current interim expansion falls within the design capacity evaluated in the EIR.

Determination: Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA guidelines 15162, the District has determined that (1) there is substantial evidence that none of the conditions requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR exist, and (2) the District will rely on the previous environmental document, which adequately addresses this project.

The District further determines that:

- (1) No Substantial changes are proposed in the WHWTP project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and,
- (2) No Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- (3) No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified, demonstrates that any of the following is true (that is, the response to criteria a through d below is "false"):
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;

- b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than disclosed in the previous EIR;
- c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the District declines to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or,
- d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines states that when an EIR has been certified or a negative declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration shall be prepared for that project when the lead agency can make certain findings based on substantial evidence. Therefore, based on the criteria contained in Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines it is found:


1. That there have been no substantial changes proposed in the project which would require major revisions to the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. The proposed project treatment plant design capacity expansion will be contained within the area previously assessed in the 2014 EIR. The design capacity expansion from 4.5MGD to 6.75 MGD lies within the bounds of the 9 MGD buildout design capacity evaluated in the previous EIR.
2. All new equipment and modifications will remain on the previously approved WHWTP area, so there are no new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects resulting from the new equipment and capacity expansion. Therefore, the proposed project would not require any revisions to the previous EIR.
3. That no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions in the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. The existing land uses in the surrounding vicinity and within the project area have not undergone any substantial changes since they were described and analyzed in the original project EIR, so there is no substantial increase in the severity of any previously identified environmental effects that would require revisions in the EIR. The General Plan land use designations for the area have not been changed, and the EIR anticipates eventual buildout to 9MGD capacity. Therefore, the circumstances under which the project is undertaken have not changed substantially, and no revisions to the previously adopted EIR are required.

4. That no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified, has become available. The WHWTP design capacity expansion does not include any new information of substantial importance regarding significant effects from project implementation that were not previously discussed, identified, and analyzed in the certified EIR.
5. There has been no new information submitted that demonstrates that significant effects would occur that were not discussed in the EIR and there has been no new information submitted to demonstrate that previously identified significant effects will be substantially more severe. The existing mitigation measures were found to be effective and feasible at the time of certification of the EIR, and there have been no substantial changes to the project or the project circumstances that would change the mitigation measures. Therefore, no new information that contradicts the analysis in the EIR has become available since the EIR was certified by the District.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Final EIR (SCH #2012081028) still applies to the project, and there is no substantial evidence that the project as modified could have a potentially significant effect on the environment beyond what was previously analyzed.

It is hereby certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report, including comments and responses, is available to the public at the San Benito County Water District offices, located at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, CA 95023

Filed by: JEFF CATTANEO

Signature: 

Telephone: 831-631-8218

Title: GENERAL MANAGER

Date: 4/24/2024

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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: San Benito
Address: 440 Fifth Street, 2nd Floor Room 206
Hollister, CA 95023

From:

Public Agency: San Benito County Water District
Address: P.O. Box 899 30 Mansfield Road
Hollister, CA 95024
Contact: Dale Rosskamp
Phone: (831) 637-8218

Lead Agency (if different from above):
(see above)
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____

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): 2012081028

Project Title: West Hills Water Treatment Plant Project

Project Applicant: San Benito County Water District (SBCWD)

Project Location (include county): San Benito County and a portion is within the City of Hollister

Project Description:

The project site is located in unincorporated San Benito County just outside the southwestern boundary of the City of Hollister in the hills north of Union Road. The main components of the project include construction and operation of the West Hills water treatment plant, a raw water pump station, and raw and treated water transmission pipelines. The primary purpose of the project is to provide high quality water supply to the western area of the Hollister Urban Area, an area which currently receives groundwater.

This is to advise that the San Benito County Water District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on April 30, 2014 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:

http://www.sbcwd.com/

Signature (Public Agency): *[Signature]* Title: DISTRICT MANAGER/ENGINEER
Date: 5/1/14 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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PROJECT TITLE	West Hills Water Treatment Plant Project				
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	San Benito County Water District (SBCWD)			PHONE NUMBER	(559) 857-8218
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE		
350002899	Hollister	CA	95024		

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)	\$3,029.75	\$ 3,029.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,181.25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$
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 A Negative Declaration was prepared for
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- A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not] made
- A statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] made
- Findings were were not] made pursuant to

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and a negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at
<http://www.sbcwd.com/>

Signature (Public Agency): *[Signature]*
 Date: 5/1/14 Date F

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 Clerk-Auditor-Recorder

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Phone: (831) 637-8218

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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): 2012081028

Project Title: Addendum to the West Hills Water Treatment Plant EIR - City Well No. 4 Extension

Project Applicant: San Benito County Water District

Project Location (include county): City of Hollister in San Benito County

Project Description:

This Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the San Benito County Water District (SBCWD) West Hills Water Treatment Plant Project includes modifications to the previously approved project to further improve water quality in the area. These modifications include construction of 4,850 lineal feet of 12-inch diameter water transmission pipeline to transmit treated surface water to City Groundwater Well No. 4. and upgrades to the existing City Groundwater Well No. 4 to improve control and increase energy efficiency of the existing well pump.

This is to advise that the San Benito County Water District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on May 31, 2017 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.

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Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: DISTRICT MANAGER

Date: 4/4/17 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN BENITO		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE
WEST HILLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL clerk@sbcwd.com	PHONE NUMBER (831) 637-8218
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 30 MANSFIELD ROAD	CITY HOLLISTER	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95023

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ _____
 - Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____
 - Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____
 - Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 - Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
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- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
 - County documentary handling fee \$50.00 \$ 50.00
 - Other \$ _____

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