

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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

SCH #: 2017081068

PROJECT #: 1510018-016C

PROJECT TITLE: RCSD Arsenic Regional Consolidation Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of Rosamond, Kern County, CA.

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. The Project proposes to integrate eight water systems into the Rosamond Community Services District's distribution system to provide potable water that meets applicable state and federal water quality standards. All of these systems have a water distribution system currently supplied by groundwater wells. Arsenic levels for most of the systems are above the Max Contaminant Level of 10 micrograms per liter. High levels of other constituents such as chromium and uranium are also present. Additionally, six of the eight systems contain only one well, and lack reliability of supply if that single well failed. Construction would consist of activities including digging, trenching, and excavation of soil to install various sizes of new pipeline.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 12, 2020. 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.
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 not made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

LEAD AGENCY: Rosamond Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Ronald Smith

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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.

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