

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Santa Cruz County Clerk 701 Ocean Street, Room 520 Santa Cruz, CA 95060	FROM:	Soquel Creek Water District 5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, CA 95073 (Lead Agency)
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TO:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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Project Title: Approval of Resolution No. 21-13 Confirming and Directing Execution of a Seawater Intrusion Control (SWIC) Loan Agreement with California State Water Resources Control Board for the Pure Water Soquel Project

Project Applicant: Soquel Creek Water District

Specific Project Location – Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 ½’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name)

Project Location (City and/or County): Cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola; and Aptos in the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County; Santa Cruz County

Project Description:

On December 18, 2018, the Soquel Creek Water District (District) certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopted Findings of Fact (including a Statement of Overriding Considerations) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and approved the Pure Water Soquel: Groundwater Replenishment and Seawater Intrusion Prevention Project (PWS or Project). The Project will supplement natural recharge of the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin with purified water. The purified water will be produced from existing secondary effluent from the Santa Cruz Wastewater Treatment Facility (SC WWTF) and delivered to treatment facilities located in either the City of Santa Cruz or unincorporated Santa Cruz County. Purified water will then be used to recharge the aquifer. The EIR evaluated potential environmental impacts that could occur as a result of implementing the Project and/or alternatives and provided applicable mitigation to reduce the intensity of potential environmental impacts. This included evaluation of Tertiary Treatment at the SC WWTF and an Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) at the Chanticleer Site.

Since certifying the EIR and approving the Project, an Addendum to the previously certified EIR was prepared to evaluate the potential for any new significant impacts, or a substantial increase in the severity of previously

identified significant impacts, to occur with regard to minor modifications to the Project. The Addendum determined that neither the Project modifications, nor any changes in circumstances surrounding the Project, result in any new significant impact, or substantially increase the severity of an impact identified in the 2018 PWS EIR. The Addendum further determined that no new mitigation is required beyond those measures in the adopted MMRP. The Addendum was adopted on November 17, 2020.

On July 20, 2021, the Board approved Resolution No. 21-13, confirming and directing execution of a Seawater Intrusion Control (SWIC) Loan Agreement with the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). This loan agreement will help fund the PWS Project, and reflects the terms and conditions upon which the District proposes to borrow up to \$37,000,000 from SWRCB through the SWIC program. This activity is a part of the PWS Project evaluated in the certified EIR and Addendum, and, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162, approval of the SWIC Loan Agreement will result in no new or more severe impacts requiring additional environmental review of the approval action.


Identify the person or entity undertaking the project, including any private applicant, any other person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the project, and any person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the project.

Soquel Creek Water District
California State Water Resources Control Board

This is to advise that the (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has taken the above described action with respect to the project on July 20, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1.	<input type="checkbox"/> The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project modifications will NOT have a significant effect on the environment
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> An Addendum to a previously certified Environmental Impact Report was prepared and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input type="checkbox"/> A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input type="checkbox"/> A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigation measures, identified in the previously certified EIR, were made a condition of the approval of the project.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation measures were NOT made a condition of the approval of the project.
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was adopted for the originally approved project.
	<input type="checkbox"/> A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was NOT adopted for this project.
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Statement of Overriding Considerations was originally adopted for this project.
	<input type="checkbox"/> A Statement of Overriding Considerations was NOT adopted for this project

6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Findings pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 relating to subsequent environmental review were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Findings were NOT made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
	This is to certify that the previously certified Final EIR and previously adopted Addendum, are available to General Public at: Soquel Creek Water District Office, 5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel CA 95071 .

Date: <u>July 22, 2021</u>	 <hr/> Signature Name: <u>Melanie Mow Schumacher</u> Title: <u>Special Projects-Communications Manager, Soquel Creek Water District</u>
Date Received for Filing: _____	

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