

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

<b>TO:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Riverside County Clerk 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	<b>FROM:</b>	Western Municipal Water District 14205 Meridian Parkway Riverside, CA 92518 (Lead Agency)
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<b>TO:</b>	<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:** Adoption of Well 7 Project Addendum to the Santa Ana Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Joint Projects Final Environmental Impact Report

**Project Applicant:** Western Municipal 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):** 7200 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, California

**General Project Location (City and/or County):** City of Riverside, County of Riverside

**Project Description:**

In February 2019, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), as CEQA lead agency, certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopted Findings of Fact and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and approved the 2019 Santa Ana Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP). The EIR analyzed five projects located within the Santa Ana River Watershed, including two alternative locations for the Arlington Production Wells and Pipeline project (hereinafter referred to as “Well 7”). The Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) also adopted the Final EIR and made findings as a CEQA responsible agency approving the Project on March 20, 2019.

During the design phase, a better location for Well 7 was identified to be at 7200 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside. The relocation of Well 7 and the revised pipeline alignment were necessary to optimize groundwater extraction, reduce construction impacts, and minimize disruptions to the surrounding community. These revisions ensure that the project continues to meet water supply reliability goals while streamlining construction efforts.

Subsequent to this certified EIR, WMWD has prepared an Addendum as CEQA lead agency with regard to minor revisions to the Well 7 project. The Addendum evaluates an updated location of Well 7, including a change in the pipeline alignment. The Addendum determined that the minor modifications would not result in substantial changes to the previously certified EIR because it would not involve new significant impacts, nor would it substantially increase the severity of an impact identified in the certified EIR. Thorough site assessments and additional environmental analysis were conducted to confirm that the proposed changes would not introduce any new significant impacts. The results of these evaluations demonstrated that the modifications align with the environmental findings of the previously certified EIR, maintaining compliance with CEQA guidelines. The previously adopted MMRP remains applicable to the modified Well 7 Project. The project will continue to monitor the environmental mitigation measures as outlined in the 2019 FEIR, ensuring that the project operates within the established environmental protections. No additional mitigation measures are necessary based on the minor modifications.

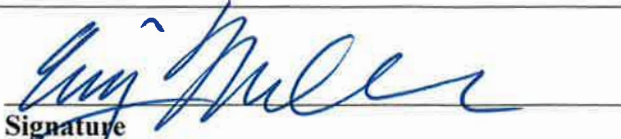
On September 18, 2024, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the WMWD Board of Directors adopted the Addendum and approved the minor changes to the modified Well 7 project.

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.  
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This is to advise that the ( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency) has taken the above described actions with respect to the project on September 18, 2024 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the originally approved project.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was NOT adopted for the originally approved 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 Addendum, together with the previously certified Final EIR and record of project approval, are available to General Public at: 14205 Meridian Parkway, Riverside, CA 92518.	

<b>Date:</b> <u>9/18/24</u>	 <b>Signature</b> <b>Name:</b> <u>Craig Miller</u> <b>Title:</b> <u>General Manager</u>
<b>Date Received for Filing:</b> _____  _____	

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