

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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Subject: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.*


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Project Title: Competitive Local Carriers' (CLCs) Projects for Local Exchange Telecommunications Service throughout California		
Project Location: Various		
Project Description: The CPUC's decision 95-07-054 enables various telecommunications companies to compete with local telephone companies in providing local exchange service. Previous to this decision, local telephone service was monopolized by a single utility per service territory. CPUC received 66 petitions from companies to provide competitive local telephone service throughout areas formerly served by Pacific Bell and GTE California. The 66 petitioners include cable television companies, cellular (wireless) companies, long-distance service providers, local telephone service providers, and various other telecommunication companies that specialize in transporting data. 40 of the 66 petitions are for approval of facilities-based services, which means that the petitioners propose to use their own facilities in providing local telephone service. However, the 40 facilities-based petitions may require both physical modifications to existing facilities and construction of new facilities. Physical modifications to existing facilities may include switch installation, which connects potential customers to outside systems. Other modifications may include installation of fiber optic cables, which would be installed within existing utility underground conduits or ducts or attached to utility poles with existing overhead lines. Depending on the type of technology and facilities operated by the petitioner, small service boxes (approximately 3 inches in height) would be used for power supply and backup power. Those petitioners who have no plans to use such boxes already have capable power and backup power within their existing facilities. The few petitioners who will need such boxes have committed to placing the boxes in existing buildings or in underground vaults. If conditions do not permit building or underground installation, the petitioners would use small low-profile boxes that are landscaped and fenced.		

This is to advise that Valley Water, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the Lead Agency, California Public Utilities Commission, and has approved the above described project on February 7, 2022. Valley Water has made the following determinations regarding the above 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 Mitigated 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 Statement of Overriding Considerations was, was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were, were not made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

California Public Utilities Commission
 505 Van Ness Avenue
 San Francisco, CA 94102

Signature (Public Agency): <small>DocuSigned by:</small>  <small>A2D1E696C20C440...</small> Yvonne Arroyo Acting Community Projects Review Manager	Date: 2/18/2022
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