

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
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Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2011062037

PROJECT NUMBER: 8417-110

DOCUMENT TITLE: City of Palo Alto Recycled Water Program (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) is located at 2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303-3326. The pipeline will be installed generally north-to-south, along the following connected roads: Hanover Street, Page Mill Road, El Dorado Avenue, Cowper Street, East Meadows Drive, in the City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as Advanced Water Purification System (AWPS) 1 MGD Project. The Project includes construction of an Advanced Water Purification System (AWPS) which consists of advanced treatment facilities at the Applicant's existing Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) to reduce total dissolved solids (TDS) in the tertiary-treated recycled water. The Project will be implemented in phases, with the first phase consisting of treatment facilities for 1.125 million-gallons-per-day (MGD) permeate production capacity. The AWPS would have a capacity of 2.250 MGD at build out and initially provide approximately 900 acre-feet per year of recycled water for irrigation.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on September 17, 2024. The City of Palo Alto will be carrying out the Project. 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. The Project will not have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is

limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board's jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.

2. A Environmental Impact Report was prepared and adopted/certified 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 made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Palo Alto

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Records of the financing approval and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

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