

CEQA FINDINGS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES CEQA RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS WELL 84 ANTELOPE/DON JULIO PROJECT ADDENDUM TO BARRETT RANCH EAST FINAL EIR

I. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The California Department of Water Resources (“Department”), as a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), makes the following findings with regard to the application submitted by Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) for state funding for a portion of the costs of constructing the Well 84 Antelope/Don Julio Project (Project). SSWD, as the Lead Agency under CEQA, prepared and adopted the Well 84 Antelope/Don Julio Project Addendum to the 2017 Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Barrett Ranch East Project. In July 2022, the SSWD (SCH #2012072061), filed a Notice of Determination (“NOD”).

In July 2022, SSWD prepared an Addendum to their EIR to evaluate the Project for the potential to impact the environment. The Project involves the construction of water supply well facilities to serve as a potable water supply source for the District’s North Service Area and consists of one water supply well and associated above ground well equipping improvements/components (hereafter referred to as “above ground facilities”). The project site is located in northern Sacramento County in the Antelope community north of the intersection of Don Julio Boulevard and Antelope Road. The Project is located on Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 203-0120-101 and the coordinates are 38°42’14.3”N 121°20’43.2”W. The Project site is approximately 30,000 square feet.

The Department, as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, has reviewed and considered the documentation prepared by SSWD, the Lead Agency. The Department has carefully considered the environmental effects of the Project and has reached its own independent conclusion on whether and how to approve the provision of state funding for the costs of constructing the Project.

The Department’s role in the Project would be to provide funding to SSWD pursuant to a Funding Agreement (# 4600015463) for the Project construction costs. The Department has no police power authority over the Project, and it has no authority over the Project as a permitting or regulatory agency.

Based on its independent review of the Project, the Department makes the following findings.

II. NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

Based on the Department’s independent judgment and analysis, the Department agrees with the impact analysis presented in the Addendum to the EIR; that the mitigation plans are sufficient to guarantee that the Project would have no significant effect on the environment.

III. NO STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS OR FINDINGS REGARDING ALTERNATIVES ARE REQUIRED

Because the Project as mitigated would not have a significant effect on the environment, CEQA does not require the Department to consider alternatives to the Project or adopt a statement of overriding considerations.

IV. NO SUPPLEMENTAL OR SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS REQUIRED

The Department finds that no supplemental or subsequent environmental review is required. In particular, the Department finds that there are no substantial changes in the Project, no substantial changes in the circumstances surrounding the Project, and no new information of substantial importance, which gives rise to a new significant environmental impact or otherwise triggers the need for additional CEQA review under Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines.

In July 2022, SSWD prepared an Addendum to their EIR to evaluate the Project for mitigation of potential impacts on the environment. Based on the Department's independent review, the Department concurs in the determination made by SSWD.

V. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT

The Department hereby formally adopts the findings set forth herein.

Date
4/23/2024

Signature



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