

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board
Tehachapi District Office
4925 Commerce Drive, Suite 120
Bakersfield, CA 93309

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.
SCH#: 2011071010 **WATER SYSTEM #:** 1510017

PROJECT TITLE: Construction and Operation of Indian Wells Valley Water District Water Supply Improvement Project

LEAD AGENCY: Indian Wells Valley Water District
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RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board
CONTACT PERSON: Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal
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PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of Sun Street & Bowman Road (Well 34), and Star Place & Bowman Road (Well 35), and Ridgecrest Boulevard to Bowman Road (electrical) in Ridgecrest within Kern County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), as the responsible agency, will be issuing a water supply permit. Upgrades to the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD) will provide for 20% redundancy in capacity and 1% annual increase in population. IWWVD proposes to upgrade their well 34 pump and increase pumping from 1,200 gallons per minute to up to 2,000 gallons per minute. IWWVD will drill a new well 35 that will be pumped at up to 1,200 gallons per minute. In phase 2, the IWWVD will increase the pumping capacity of well 35 up to 2,200 gallons per minute. The project will also include construction of electrical service line connection needed to operate Well 34 and 35, fencing, a building enclosure and discharge pond at the Well 35 site, and the installation of a transformer at well site 34. Mitigation measures were provided in the IWWVD's environment impact report to mitigate any significant over-drafted effects that may occur within a 2-mile radius of the new well 35.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a water supply permit amendment number 03-19-21PA-002 for the above described project on July 20, 2021, and has made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project will not have significant effects on the environment.
2. An environmental impact report and addendum was prepared for this project pursuant to the provision of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the issuance of this permit.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
6. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the record of permit issuance for the project is available to the general public at the Division of Drinking Water at the State Water Board's Field Office noted above. The environmental impact report and addendum is available from the lead agency. The State Water Board is a responsible agency for this project and is not responsible for the Department of Fish and Wildlife filing fees.

Signature: Jaswinder Dhaliwal

Date: July 20, 2021

Name: Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal

Title: District Engineer