

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

APPROVAL OF WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT EXTENSION PROJECT

Under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15090, subd. (a), on November 14, 2018, I certified the Final EIR (FEIR) for the Water Supply Contract Extension Project as complying with CEQA. On the basis of the whole of the record before me, there was no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no findings, statement of overriding considerations or mitigation monitoring or reporting plan has been adopted.

After considering the Final EIR, including all issues raised during preparation of the FEIR, I approve the Water Supply Contract Extension Project under CEQA.

In addition, on the basis of the record before me, the Water Supply Contract Extension Amendments are consistent with, and have met all applicable legal requirements, including:

- (1) Water Code section 147.5 (the informational Legislative hearing requirement);
- (2) The Central Valley Project Act (Wat. Code, § 11100 et seq.), and in particular sections 11160 and 11454 and Chapter 7 (Wat. Code § 11625 et seq.);
- (3) the California Water Resources Development Bond Act (Wat. Code § 12930 et seq.), and in particular Water Code sections 12931 and 12937(b); and
- (4) Article 4 of the Water Supply Contracts (Contractor right to extend contract term provision).

Consistent with the foregoing, I also approve each separate Water Supply Contract Extension Amendment with each of the 29 Water Supply Contractors. Furthermore, I intend to carry out the project by executing, but also in the event of my absence hereby authorize and direct the Deputy Director for the State Water Project to execute, each such Contract Extension Amendment, in accordance with its terms.

Dated 12-11-18



Karla A. Nemeth, Director