

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2019079057

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3810001-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Mountain Tunnel Improvement Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The tunnel begins at Early Intake Reservoir on the Tuolumne River and extends approximately 19 miles west to Priest Reservoir, near the town of Groveland.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project will address deterioration by repairing defects in the 11 miles of existing tunnel lining and paving approximately 5,000 feet of currently unlined portions downstream of the adit 5/6 portal. The Project will construct a 750-foot bypass tunnel (siphon extension) at South Fork Siphon and a new flow control facility, portal, and adit near Priest Reservoir. Improvements will also be made to some of the roads that provide access to the tunnel improvements and drainage facilities along the roadways and at the adits.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on April 14, 2022. The San Francisco Public Utilities Department 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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.

**LEAD AGENCY:** San Francisco Planning Department

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Timothy Johnston

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A record of financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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