

Appendix D: Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019119073

Project Title: Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta

Project Applicant: CA Department of Water Resources

Project Location (include county): Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo Counties.

Project Description: The project is for “Proposed Changes” to the 2020 Soil Investigation for Data Collection in the Delta Project as approved in the previously adopted Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Proposed Changes to the previously approved project are: the removal of 25 soil borings from 125 feet to 200 feet (38 - 61 meters), 22 cone penetration tests (CPTs) to 200 feet (61 meters), and 13 overwater soil borings up to 200 feet (61 meters), and the replacement with 23 soil borings from 125 feet to 200 feet (38 to 61 meters), 2 soil borings from 200 to 300 feet (61 to 91 meters), 22 CPTs to 200 feet (61 meters), and 13 overwater soil borings up to 200 feet (61 meters). The primary objective of the project, including the Proposed Changes, remains unchanged: to determine the composition, location, and geotechnical properties of soil materials commonly found in the Delta which would further inform the design, environmental analysis, and development of alternatives for a potential Delta conveyance project and contribute to DWR's overall understanding of Delta geology.

This is to advise that the CA Department of Water Resources, as the Lead Agency, has approved the project on February 19, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project. This determination has been made considering the previously adopted Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration along with the Addendum to the IS/MND.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. An Addendum was prepared for the Proposed Changes documenting that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration have occurred.
4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
5. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code. Revised 2011

- 6. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
- 7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final negative declaration with comments and responses, along with the Addendum and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at:

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning>



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February 19, 2021
Date

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