

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

<b>TO:</b>	Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>FROM: Responsible Agency:</b> Wheeler Ridge- Maricopa Water Storage District  <b>Contact:</b> Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager
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<b>Lead Agency:</b>	California Department of Water Resources  1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  Contact: Katherine Marquez Phone: (916) 651-7011
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number:	2020010227
Project Title:	Delta Conveyance Project
Lead Agency and Project Applicant:	Department of Water Resources ("DWR") 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Contact: Marcus Yee Phone: (916) 699-8405

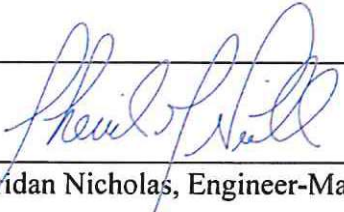
Responsible Agency:	<p>Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District</p> <p>Contact: Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager Phone: (661) 858-2281</p>
Project Location:	<p>Pre-Construction Work for the Delta Conveyance Project will occur within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (“Delta”) in Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Solano, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties.</p>
Project Description:	<p>On December 21, 2023, DWR certified the environmental impact report (“EIR”) for, and approved, the Delta Conveyance Project. (State Clearinghouse No. 2020010227). The Delta Conveyance Project consists of the construction, operation, and maintenance of new State Water Project (“SWP”) water diversion and conveyance facilities in the Delta that would be operated in coordination with existing SWP facilities.</p> <p>The Delta Conveyance Project includes the following key components and actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two intake facilities along the Sacramento River in the north Delta near the community of Hood with on-bank intake structures that would include fish screens.</li> <li>• A concrete-lined tunnel, and associated vertical tunnel shafts, to convey flow from the intakes about 45 miles to the south of the Bethany Reservoir Pumping Plant and Surge Basin at a location south of the existing SWP Clifton Court Forebay.</li> <li>• A Bethany Reservoir Pumping Plant to lift the water from inside the tunnel below ground into the Bethany Reservoir Aqueduct for conveyance to the Bethany Reservoir Discharge Structure and into the existing Bethany Reservoir.</li> <li>• Other ancillary facilities to support construction and operation of the conveyance facilities including, but not limited to, access roads, concrete batch plants, fuel stations, and power transmission and/or distribution lines.</li> <li>• Efforts to identify geotechnical, hydrogeologic, agronomic, and other field conditions that will guide appropriate construction methods and monitoring programs for final engineering design and construction data collection and field work investigations, including ground-disturbing geotechnical work, water quality and hydrogeologic investigations, agronomic testing, the installation of monitoring equipment, construction test projects, pre-construction design work, and engineering work (“Pre-Construction Work”)</li> </ul> <p>Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (“District”), as a responsible agency, has not approved the Delta Conveyance Project. The District has, however, issued a limited approval relating to funding of Pre-Construction Work for the Delta Conveyance Project.</p>

Person or entity undertaking the project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21065	The District approved the contribution of additional monies under its funding agreement entered into with DWR for the Pre-Construction Work.
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This is to advise that, on or about March 12, 2025, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, as a Responsible Agency, considered the EIR certified for the Delta Conveyance Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2020010227); made CEQA Findings of Fact pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15091 and 15096 for the Delta Conveyance Project; adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations specific to Pre-Construction Work pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15093; approved a resolution authorizing the District's General Manager to execute a letter that commits the District to contribute additional funds for Pre-Construction Work for the Calendar Years 2026-2027 in an amount not to exceed \$4,664,521.00; and made the following determinations regarding the Pre-Construction Work:

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| 1. | The Pre-Construction Work <b>will</b> have a significant effect on the environment.  |
| 2. | An EIR <b>was</b> previously prepared and certified by DWR for the Delta Conveyance Project, which included an analysis of the Pre-Construction, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. |
| 3. | Mitigation measures <b>were</b> made a condition of the approval of the Delta Conveyance Project, including the Pre-Construction Work, by DWR.                                       |
| 4. | A mitigation monitoring or reporting plan <b>was</b> adopted by DWR.   |
| 5. | Findings <b>were</b> made pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15091 and the provisions of CEQA for the Delta Conveyance Project.   |
| 6. | A Statement of Overriding Considerations <b>was</b> adopted for the Pre-Construction Work.   |

This is to certify that the above-referenced EIR and the record of proceedings relating to the District's above-described action is available to the General Public at the following location: 12109 Highway 166, Bakersfield, California.

<b>Date:</b> <u>APRIL 4, 2025</u>	 Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager
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**Date Received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
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 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)  
 2020010227

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LEAD AGENCY California Department of Water Resources (DWR)	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL marcus.yee@water.ca.gov	DATE 12/21/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING OPR/SCH		DOCUMENT NUMBER
PROJECT TITLE		

Delta Conveyance Project

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**PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)**

- Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)                               | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 3,839.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00     |
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