

## 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:** 2020039020

**PROJECT NUMBER:** C-06-8059-110

**PROJECT TITLE:** Membrane Filtration Reverse Osmosis Facility Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located on the south side of W. Washington Avenue, between Rock Springs Road and Metcalf Avenue, in the City of Escondido, San Diego County, California.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project consists of an approximately 25,000 square-foot commercial/industrial-like building (microfiltration-reverse osmosis [MF RO] facility), which will include partitioned areas to house the MFRO equipment, pumps, chemical storage, electrical room, control room, restrooms, break room, and janitorial closet. The MFRO facility will have a minimum production capacity of 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) and maximum effluent capacity of 2.0 mgd. The MFRO facility will be designed to accommodate installation of additional equipment in the future that would provide an additional 1.0 mgd of production capacity. The project will also include the installation of a 24-inch product water pipeline, which is a one (1)-mile long pipeline along Washington Avenue that would transport the product water from the site easterly along Washington Avenue to an existing recycled water pipeline near Waverly Place and Escondido Creek. The Project will connect to the existing influent pipeline located adjacent to the Escondido Creek concrete-lined Flood Control Channel along the southern side of the project site. Buried site piping will include the influent supply pipeline for the microfiltration system, the storm flow bypass pipeline to the Product Water Tank, the Title 22 recycled water bypass, and RO permeate pipelines to the Product Water Tank. The Title 22 recycled water bypass and RO permeate pipelines would blend to provide the desalted water for the agriculture users. The Project also includes chemical feed and storage facilities for treatment, which will be located inside a partially enclosed area adjacent to the MFRO building.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on July 1, 2021. The City of Escondido 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.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Escondido

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Adam Finestone

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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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: July 2, 2021

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