

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Analysis Office
1416 9th Street, Room 1620
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with §21108 of the
Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Storage and Conveyance of 2020 Water Transfer from Sutter
Extension Water District to Dudley Ridge Water District, Alameda
County Water District, County of Kings, and Kern County Water
Agency (SWPAO #20704)

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER(S): SCH #2020039057

LEAD AGENCY: Sutter Extension Water District
4525 Franklin Road
Yuba City, CA 95993

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:
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General Manager
(530) 673-7138

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: Department of Water Resources (DWR)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Anna Fock
(916) 653-0190

PROJECT LOCATION: Sutter Extension Water District (SEWD) is located in Sutter County. The water will be delivered to the service areas of Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD), Alameda County Water District (ACWD), County of Kings (KC), and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). The Project will use existing State Water Project facilities.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SEWD is planning to transfer up to 3,620 AF of its pre-1914 water right water to DRWD, ACWD, KC, and KCWA from June through September 2020. SEWD will make water available for transfer by temporarily reducing surface water diversion. SEWD will instead serve the irrigation water demands within its service area by increased groundwater pumping. DWR will pump the transfer water using existing facilities at the

Banks Pumping Plant and convey the water to DRWD, ACWD, KC and KCWA during the summer and fall of 2020.

II. DEPARTMENT’S ACTION

In order to implement this project, DWR must approve an agreement for the conveyance of transfer water.

III. DETERMINATIONS

This is to advise that DWR, acting as a responsible State agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has approved the proposed project on 8/11/2020, and makes the following determinations:

1. SEWD prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration filed a Notice of Determination pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. DWR has determined that said project in its approved form will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were not adopted by the Lead Agency pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project, pursuant to Section 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
5. Findings were not made pursuant to the provisions of Public Resources Code Section 21081 in CEQA.

IV. LOCATION OF RECORD

DWR’s decision and determination is based on the documents described herein, which are available for review at the office of Sutter Extension Water District, 4525 Franklin Road, Yuba City, CA 95993. The custodian of the administrative record for DWR is Kora Bitcon, (916) 653-9313 at the Bonderson Building, 901 P Street, Room 145, Sacramento, California 95814.

Governor’s Office of Planning & Research

APPROVED:

Aug 11 2020

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Pedro Villalobos
Pedro Villalobos, Chief
State Water Project Analysis Office

8/11/2020
Date