

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 17th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2020049056

PROJECT NUMBER: D2218001

DOCUMENT TITLE: New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site generally follows the alignment of the New River starting at the intersection of 2nd Street and New River to just east of the All-American Canal.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is financing the Project. The New River flows north from Mexico into the United States where it crosses the City of Calexico, California. The State of California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) lists the New River as impaired by numerous constituents and is a State of California priority for cleanup purposes. The Project involves the construction of a trash screen at the International Boundary with Mexico; diversion and encasement of the river from a point downstream of the International Boundary to a point downstream of the eastern boundary of Calexico in order to bypass the populated southern area of the City; and a pump-back system to take treated wastewater from the existing City of Calexico Wastewater Treatment Plant and discharge it into the New River channel at a point near the proposed river diversion and encasement structure.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has executed a financing agreement for the Project described above on January 30, 2023. The City of Calexico 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 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: City of Calexico

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 17th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

Signature:

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