

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
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Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2020060681

PROJECT NUMBER: 3010068-001C

DOCUMENT TITLE: East Orange County Water District Vanderwerff Well Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located at two locations along McPherson Road in the City of Orange, within Orange County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the Project referred to internally as East Orange CWD PFAS Water Treatment Plant. The Project includes the installation of a small treatment plant in conjunction and appurtenant to a previously installed groundwater production well. The treatment plant would be used to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contaminants. The treatment plant would consist of the use of an ion exchange (IX) treatment protocol through the use of IX vessels along with associated on-site distribution facilities. The vessels would be approximately 16 feet tall at the site. The facilities would treat water pumped from the production well and would convey it to existing water distribution pipelines for potable water.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:

Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on January 18, 2024 in accordance with the regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations, section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The East Orange County Water District 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 start of construction of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.

LEAD AGENCY: East Orange County Water District

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Project records and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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