

**Amador Water Agency – Tank A and B Replacement Project
Final Mitigated Negative Declaration Approval**

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:

Amador Water Agency
12800 Ridge Road
Sutter Creek, California 95685

SUBJECT:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE:

Amador Water Agency – Tank A and B Replacement Project

State Clearinghouse Number

2020080464

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Project Approval: Amador Water Agency approved the Central Amador Water Agency – Tank A and B Replacement Project October 8, 2020. In response to comments from a Board member, AWA contacted the Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians, outside of AB 52 consultation, to verify whether they may have additional comments or input regarding this Project. Project information was provided by email, and no additional input was received. Amador Water Agency then considered and approved the Tank A and B Replacement Project at their October 22, 2020 Board Meeting.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located in Amador County, California approximately 50 miles southeast of the City of Sacramento on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada. The Proposed Project is located just south of the end of Elkhorn Court on the undeveloped parcel next to the existing Tank A and B.

Project Description:

The Proposed Project would replace the two existing aboveground water storage tanks, the 250,000 gallon Tank B and 500,000 gallon Tank A, with two new one-million gallon aboveground water storage tanks on the adjacent parcel. The new aboveground covered tanks would be approximately 75 feet in diameter and 36 feet in height and constructed from welded steel plates. The new tanks will sit on concrete pads with a 13-foot gravel setback. The site will be surrounded by an 8-foot-tall perimeter chain link fence and will have two gated and paved entrance points (one existing and a new one at the northwest corner of the site). The project will also include placement of overflow vaults on the north/northwest side of the tanks, meter vaults just south of the tanks, and a fire hydrant near the southern property line. Once the new tanks are constructed and operational, the existing tanks will be demolished.

Construction of the Proposed Project is anticipated to start in spring of 2021 and take approximately 5 months to construct; however, due to statewide shutdowns due to COVID-19 it is possible that project construction could be delayed or take longer than anticipated.

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Amador Water Agency, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

1. There is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment;
2. In accordance with CEQA, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project was prepared. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been approved by Amador Water Agency, which is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of Amador Water Agency;
3. Mitigation measures were required to be made a condition of approval of the Proposed Project;
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required to be adopted for the Proposed Project; and
5. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted for the Proposed Project.

This is to certify that the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration including comments and responses, the mitigation monitoring and reporting plan, and record of project approval is available to the general public at: Amador Water Agency office, 12800 Ridge Road Sutter Creek, California 95685.



10/27/2020

Rick Ferreira, Operations and Engineering Manager
Amador Water Agency

Date

Date Received for Filing at OPR: October 27, 2020