

## 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:** 2020100483

**PROJECT NUMBER:** C-06-8272-210

**PROJECT TITLE:** Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located at 601 South "G" Street, in the City of Arcata. The Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF) is located on 130 acres of City-owned land that includes the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWTP) and the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary (AMWS). The AWTF is located on lands zoned as public facility and natural resource protection. The AWTP is in an area with a mix of industrial, commercial, residential, and agricultural uses.

**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 referred to internally as Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Project. The Project includes improvements to Arcata's existing Wastewater Treatment Facility, including replacement of aging infrastructure, improving the quality of treated effluent discharged into Humboldt Bay, and meeting National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements. The proposed project addresses public health needs which include improving the hydraulic and treatment capacity of the facility.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on January 10, 2023. The City of Arcata 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 Arcata

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Karen Diemer

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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.

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