

## 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:** 2021010167

**PROJECT NUMBER:** P84C-1500364-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Erskine Creek Water Company and Kernvale Mutual Water Company Consolidation Water Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Webb Avenue, Mountain View Road, and Erskine Creek Road, Kern County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The Kernvale Mutual Water Company has applied for financing of the Project through the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. The Project will be constructed in two phases as described below:

Phase I: A new 200,000-gallon water storage tank would be installed on an existing gravel pad within Erskine Creek Water Company property to replace a smaller existing 120,000-gallon tank to meet the demands of the 52 residents and fire flow needs in the area. The new tank would be approximately 48-feet across and 24-feet tall. Approximately 3,550 feet of new 8-inch and 280 feet of 12-inch water pipeline would be installed and connected to the new water tank to provide the 52 residents currently being served by Kernvale Mutual Water Company with clean potable drinking water. Fire hydrants would be placed along Mountain View Road to provide adequate fire flow in the area. A 5,000-gallon hydropneumatics tank would be installed near the new water tank on Erskine Creek Water Company property. Associated infrastructure components would include water meters, fittings, connections, valve boxes, air release valves, shut-off and flushing valves, asphalt and concrete road repair, with minimal vegetation removal consisting of low-lying grasses and one cottonwood tree.

Phase II: An additional pipeline would be installed and run east from the Phase I water pipeline between Kern Valley High School and Woodrow W. Wallace Elementary/Middle School to an existing water tank located across Erskine Creek Road. The existing waterlines would be abandoned in place. One new pump station may be installed in the

future on Erskine Creek Water Company property near the new water tank to support the school zone areas.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved the Project described above on April 11, 2023. The Kernvale Mutual Water Company 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.
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:** State Water Resources Control Board

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Robyn Mendoza

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A record of Project approval and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are 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.

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