

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021010166

PROJECT NUMBER: 4410010-004C

DOCUMENT TITLE: Newell Creek Pipeline Improvement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The northern terminus of the pipeline is approximately located at the intersection of E Zayante Road and Graham Hill Road in Felton, California (CA). Within City rights-of-way, the project pipeline extends along Pipeline Road to the intersection of Pipeline Road to Graham Hill Road in Santa Cruz, CA. The pipeline then extends to its southern terminus at the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant located at 715 Graham Hill Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as Newell Creek Pipeline (Felton/Graham Hill) Replacement Project. The Project consists of the southern segment of the proposed Newell Creek Pipeline which extends from the Felton Booster Pump Station (FBPS) to the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant (GHWTP). The Project includes installation of approximately 25,872 feet of new 24-inch pipeline within existing road pavement, road right-of-way, and/or existing City easements along Graham Road from the FBPS to Pipeline Road, and it will replace the southernmost section of existing pipeline located in Graham Hill Road from Pipeline Road to the GHWTP.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on August 14, 2024. The City of Santa Cruz 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 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. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified 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.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Cruz

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Records of the financing approval 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 Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

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