

## 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:** 2021010376

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 8270-210

**PROJECT TITLE:** Fairmead - Chowchilla Wastewater Treatment Facility Connection Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located in the unincorporated Community of Fairmead within roadways generally along the State Highway 99 in Madera County, California.

**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. The Project includes abandoning the septic tanks and leach fields in Fairmead and directing wastewater flows through a new sewer trunk line to the City of Chowchilla's Wastewater Treatment Facility (City WWTF). Approximately 175 residential connections, the Fairmead Elementary School, and a commercial property will be connected to the City WWTF. The Project includes construction of a collection system, pump station, force main and gravity main (including 2.65 miles of gravity sewer main and 2.44 miles of force sewer main) with wastewater treatment and disposal at the existing City WWTF.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on July 11, 2024. The City of Chowchilla 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.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Chowchilla

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Jason Rogers

**PHONE NUMBER:** (559) 665-8615

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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