

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021020488

Project Title: Mojave Water Agency Proposed Multi-Year Water Transfer to Kern County Water Agency and Dudley Ridge Water District

Project Location (include county): Located in the Counties of Kings, Kern and San Bernardino

Project Description: In the effort to recapture a portion of fixed costs paid for delivery of California State Water Project (SWP) water, MWA has negotiated a multi-year transfer of a portion of its allocated SWP Table A water above its total annual water demand to the following five water districts: Berrenda Mesa Water District (BMWD), Belridge Water Storage District (BWS), Lost Hills Water District (LHWD), Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWS), and Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD), collectively referred to as the Westside Districts. All of the Westside Districts, except DRWD, are Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) Member Units; along with MWA, both KCWA and DRWD are SWP Contractors. The proposed project would be based on MWA transferring a minimum quantity of SWP Table A water to the Westside Districts based on the annual allocations from DWR and additional SWP Table A water to the Westside Districts if MWA has additional SWP Table A water to transfer and Westside Districts request delivery of all or a portion of the additional water. The proposed project would commence in 2021 after the provisions of the SWP Contract Article 56 have been executed between DWR and the Contractors, CEQA has been complied with, an agreement between MWA and the Westside has been executed, and all other regulatory approvals have been obtained. The proposed project would terminate in 2035. The proposed project would use existing facilities to transfer water to existing service areas and would not construct new or alter existing facilities or result in ground disturbance.

This is to advise that the Mojave Water Agency has approved the above described project on (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

04/22/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described projects. (Date)

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

<http://www.mojavewater.org/environmental-compliance.html>

Signature (Public Agency)  Title: General Manager

Date: 04/22/2021 Date Received filing at OPR: 04/26/2021