

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
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Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021060200

PROJECT NUMBER: 4210007-001C

DOCUMENT TITLE: Reservoir Retrofit and Replacement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Multiple locations in unincorporated Santa Barbara County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the Project referred to internally as Montecito Water Resilience Project (ASADRA). The Project involves seismic retrofits, repairs, and replacements at eight of the existing water storage reservoirs owned by Montecito Water District - Doulton, Romero, Terminal, Bella Vista, Park Lane, Cold Springs, Hot Springs, and Buena Vista. The Project would bring all eight reservoirs into compliance with current seismic design codes and regulations. No retrofit or replacement would expand the water storage capacity of an existing reservoir.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the Lead Agency. Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on June 17, 2024 in accordance with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The Montecito Water District 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 start of construction of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.

LEAD AGENCY: Montecito Water District

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Project records 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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