

Notice of Determination

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East County Advanced Water Purification

Joint Powers Authority

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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): 2022040551

Project Title: East County Advanced Water Purification Project

Project Applicant: East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority

Project Location (include county): Project impacts are proposed within the Cities of San Diego, Santee and unincorporated community of Lakeside, San Diego County, CA, Lat/Long (approximate center reading in decimal degrees): 32.853809, -117.005390.

Project Description: The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2022-0141) to the Project Applicant to construct an approximately 15 million gallons per day water recycling treatment system to create a sustainable supply of drinking water for the East County area. The project includes facility upgrades and new facilities, including pipelines from the recycling facility to Lake Jennings and to the South Mission Valley Trunk Sewer interceptor. The pipelines will be installed by open-cut trenching, trenchless, or sliplining construction methods and the Lake Jennings facilities will be constructed in a dry work area after the Lake's water levels are drawn down and by scuba divers. Temporary impacts to jurisdictional aquatic resources will be restored to pre-project contours and revegetated with native species. Permanent impacts will be mitigated through the purchase of mitigation bank credits from the San Luis Rey Mitigation Bank.

This is to advise that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on November 3, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will 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 not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at: the office of the Lead Agency listed above. The record associated with the San Diego RWQCB's decision is available at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No./PIN 882577).

Signature (Public Agency) of David W. Gibson, Executive Officer:

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.

Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.