

## 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:** 2022120660

**PROJECT NUMBER:** EDWG-5610022-001C

**DOCUMENT TITLE:** 2023 Water Projects (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Ojai, Ventura County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Tico Mutual Water Company Consolidation. The Project includes the consolidation of Tico Mutual Water Company into Ventura River Water District for domestic water service and improvements to address existing deficiencies within the Tico water distribution system. Three new water main pipeline sections totaling approximately 825 linear feet will be installed along established roads to connect the two existing water systems. Approximately 200 linear feet of the new water main will be installed by jack and bore. The improvements also include the installation of approximately 40 water meters and five fire hydrants. The Project is one of several Ventura River Water District projects evaluated in the same Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) titled 2023 Water Projects.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the Lead Agency. The State Water Board has approved the Project described above on October 22, 2024. The Ventura River 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 Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Ventura River Water District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Alma Quezada

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are available to the general public upon request 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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