

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

X Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
Sacramento CA 95814

From: City of Watsonville
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

X Santa Cruz County Clerk
701 Ocean Street, Room 310
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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

Project Title: Zone 2 Water Reservoir and Booster Pump Station Modification Project

<u>2023030212</u>	<u>Beau Kayser, Water Division Manager</u>	<u>831-768-3193</u>
State Clearinghouse Number	Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension

Project Description and Location: The City is located along the Monterey Bay between the City of Santa Cruz and the City of Monterey, in the County of Santa Cruz. The City lies in the heart of the Pajaro Valley, surrounded by prime agricultural land and wetlands. The Proposed Project is located adjacent to the City's Existing Zone 2 Water Storage Tank and the City of Watsonville Airport. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to construct a new tank for redundant storage for the City's Zone 2 area to help the City maintain and continue to provide its existing customers with safe and reliable water supply.

The City's Proposed Project includes the construction and operation of a new up to 3 million-gallon (MG) 36.5-foot high and up to 121-foot diameter concrete above ground water storage tank at the site of the Watsonville Municipal Airport. The new tank will be sited next and adjacent to the City's existing 3 (MG) water storage tank and will provide the necessary back-up and emergency storage in the event of a catastrophic event such as an earthquake, drought or failure of the existing tank. The City's existing approximately 32-foot high 150-foot diameter steel tank is nearing the end of its useful life and based on 2014 and 2019 inspections is suffering from internal corrosion. As a result, the existing storage tank will soon need to be rehabilitated and/or replaced and the City cannot risk taking the existing tank out of service until a/the new tank is constructed. As a result, this Proposed Project is not to provide water supply for growth, but instead to continue to provide the City's existing customers with safe and reliable water supply.

This is to advise that the City of Watsonville has approved the above-described project on June 13, 2023 and has made the following determination regarding the above-described project:

1. The Project __ will X will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ___ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
X A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures X were ___ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations __ was X was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings ___ were X were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Public Draft and Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration with consideration of comments received and record of Project Approval is available to the General Public at 250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.


Signature (Public Agency)

6/14/23
Date

Assistant Director PW+U
Title