

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2023040496

**Project Title:** Kelt Reservoirs (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-44850-R5)

**Project Location (Santa Barbara County):** The Project is located at three locations along Orcutt Hill Road just south of East Rice Ranch Road in the town of Orcutt, County of Santa Barbara, State of California; at the following latitudes, longitudes, and Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN): Latitude 34.850091, Longitude -120.424359; APN 101-010-023; Latitude 34.853651, Longitude -120.426871; APN 101-010-023 Latitude 34.845151, Longitude -120.420577; APN 101-010-023.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-44850-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Golden State Water Company.

Golden State Water Company proposes to install and operate two new 1-million-gallon water storage tanks along Orcutt Hill Road. In order to connect these tanks to the existing water distribution system along East Rice Ranch Road, Golden State Water Company will need to install a new 1.3-mile-long water pipeline along Orcutt Hill Road to East Rice Ranch Road. Following along Orcutt Hill Road, the alignment of the new water pipeline will cross three culverted streams along its route. The three culverted streams known as culverts 2, 4, and 5. Installment of culvert 2 will displace 11 square feet of soil, installment of culvert 4 will displace 21 square feet of soil, and culvert 5 will displace 14 square feet of soil. All three projects will take place within the paved area of Orcutt Hill Road; therefore, no vegetation will be impacted.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 24, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the **Mitigated Negative Declaration** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were not** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_