

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

<b>TO:</b> Riverside County Clerk 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507  Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Rm. 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>FROM:</b> Desert Water Agency 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail Palm Springs, CA 92264
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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: 2023080352
Project Title: Well 46 (Palm Oasis)
Project Applicant (include address and telephone number):  Desert Water Agency 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail Palm Springs, CA 92264 (951) 323-4971
Specific Project Location – Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 ½’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):  The Project is located north of Palm Oasis Avenue, south of Range View Drive and Highway 111, and east of Margee Road in the community of Palm Oasis, near the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County, California, on land identified as Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 669-680-024, 669-191-005, 669-191-006, 669-191-009.
General Project Location (City and/or County): Unincorporated community of Palm Oasis, County of Riverside
Project Description: DWA’s Well 46 (Palm Oasis) project generally consists of construction and operation of one domestic groundwater production well. The project also includes an access road extending north from the northerly terminus of Sterling Avenue to the well site, and up to 1,600 linear feet of well discharge pipeline extending from the new well site to the existing Well 17 forebay. A more detailed description of the project is included in the Initial Study for the project, which is available for review at the offices of the Desert Water Agency, 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92264.
Identify the person or entity undertaking the project, including any private applicant, any other person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the project, and any person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the project.

This is to advise that the ( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on May 21, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1.	The project [ <input type="checkbox"/> will <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. <input type="checkbox"/>	An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.	
3.	Mitigation measures [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> were <input type="checkbox"/> were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.	
4.	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was <input type="checkbox"/> was not] adopted for this project.	
5.	A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ <input type="checkbox"/> was <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was not] adopted for this project.	
6.	Findings [ <input type="checkbox"/> were <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.	
This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration, with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at:		
	Custodian: Desert Water Agency	Location: 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail Palm Springs, CA 92264

<b>Date:</b> <i>May 21, 2024</i>	 <hr/> <b>Signature</b> <b>Name: Paul Ortega</b> <b>Title: President, Board of Directors Desert Water Agency</b>
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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

1. Name or description of project:	Well 46 (Palm Oasis). The Project generally consists of construction and operation of one domestic groundwater production well. The Project also includes an access road extending north from the northerly terminus of Sterling Avenue to the well site, and up to 1,600 linear feet of well discharge pipeline extending from the new well site to the existing Well 17 forebay. A more detailed description is included in the Initial Study for the Project, which is available for review at the location cited below.
2. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Project is located north of Palm Oasis Avenue, south of Range View Drive and Highway 111, and east of Margee Road in the community of Palm Oasis, near the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County, California, on land identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 669-680-024, 669-191-005, 669-191-006, and 669-191-009.
3. Entity or Person undertaking project:	
A. Entity	
(1) Name:	Desert Water Agency
(2) Address:	1200 S. Gene Autry Trail Palm Springs, CA 92264
B. Other (Private)	
(1) Name:	
(2) Address:	
<p>The Lead Agency, having reviewed the Initial Study of this proposed project, having reviewed the written comments received prior to the public meeting of the Lead Agency, and having reviewed the recommendation of the Lead Agency's Staff, does hereby find and declare that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A brief statement of the reasons supporting the Lead Agency's findings are as follows:</p> <p>Construction and operation of the Project will not result in significant adverse impacts upon any threatened or endangered species of plants or animals, nor will it result in damage to or destruction of any significant examples of California history or prehistory. Potential impacts upon local wildlife, nesting birds, burrowing owls, archaeological and historical resources, paleontological resources, and tribal cultural resources will be avoided or reduced by adhering to the terms of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (see Exhibit A, attached, which is incorporated herein by reference) prior to and during construction of the Project.</p>	
<p>The Lead Agency hereby finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects its independent judgment. A copy of the Initial Study may be viewed at the offices of Desert Water Agency at the address listed below.</p>	
<p>The location and custodian of the documents and any other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Lead Agency based its decision to adopt this Negative Declaration are as follows:</p> <p>Desert Water Agency 1200 South Gene Autry Trail Palm Springs, CA 92264 (760) 323-4971</p>	

5-21-24

Date



Paul Ortega  
President, Board of Directors  
DESERT WATER AGENCY