

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

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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): 2024010439

Project Title: Belridge Pipeline Project

Project Applicant: Buena Vista Water Storage District (BVWSD)

Project Location (include county): western Kern County, approximately 5.5 miles west-northwest of the community of Buttonwillow, California.

Project Description:

The District is proposing to construct the approximately 2-mile Belridge Pipeline between the California Aqueduct and the District's 7th Standard Pipeline. The west end of the Belridge Pipeline would connect to an existing California Department of Water Resources turnout at the California Aqueduct. The pipeline would extend east from the California Aqueduct, across undeveloped land owned by the Chevron Corporation and other private parties, as well as across a portion of the Lokern Preserve before tying into the existing 7th Standard Pipeline just west of the Kern River Flood Canal. In addition to facilitating delivery to District water users, the Belridge Pipeline would also deliver water to the proposed Corn Camp Groundwater Recharge Pond, via an existing approximately 2-mile segment of the 7th Standard Pipeline. Additionally, the proposed project would install a new fiber optic line and new electrical line along the east side of the California Aqueduct to service the turnout at the California Aqueduct.

This is to advise that the Buena Vista Water Storage District has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 3/20/2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project 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. 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 adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

https://www.bvh2o.com/Projects.html

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Engineering Manager

Date: 3/20/2024 Date Received for filing at OPR: