

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

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County of: Orange
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From:

Public Agency: Santa Margarita Water District
Address: 26111 Antonio Parkway
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
Contact: Tricia Butler
Phone: 949-459-6554

Lead Agency (if different from above): same as above
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

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): 2024040817

Project Title: Rancho Santa Margarita Recycled Water System Project

Project Applicant Name, Address, Phone Number: Santa Margarita Water District, 26111 Antonio Parkway
Rancho Santa Margarita, 949-459-6420

Project Location (include county): Multiple locations in Rancho Santa Margarita, Mission Viejo, and unincorporated
Coto de Caza, Orange County

Project Description: Construction and operation of infrastructure to extend the Santa Margarita Water District's
recycled water system into the City of Rancho Santa Margarita and adjacent unincorporated
County of Orange land. Preliminary planning-level design indicates the project would install
approximately 95,000 linear feet of pipes, mostly beneath paved roads. A new above-ground
reservoir and pump station would be constructed adjacent to an existing District tank north of
Los Alisos Bl. A new pump station would be constructed adjacent to the Portola Reservoir.
The Eastbrook Pump Station would be expanded to provide additional pumping capacity.

This is to advise that the Santa Margarita Water District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on June 5, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)

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 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 mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [x]was [] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations []was [x] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings []were [x] were not 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:
Santa Margarita Water District, 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Interim General Manager
Date: June 6, 2024 Date Received for filing at OPR: