

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2024070885

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 1200566-001P

**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Treatment System Upgrade Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located in the unincorporated community of Orleans in Humboldt County, CA, 95546

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The Project includes the replacement of an existing water distribution system that currently serves 34 residential connections in the unincorporated community of Orleans. The Project would demolish an existing in-line filtration plant and replace it with a new surface, direct-filtration water treatment plant (WTP). The Project would construct a new water treatment building with a backwash reclaim tank. A proposed generator and propane tank would be located adjacent to the water treatment building. The existing in-line filtration plant would be replaced due to age, deteriorating condition, outdated composition of the existing system, lack of system redundancy, and insufficient reserves to support fire response flows. The Project would also demolish an existing redwood raw water tank and replace it with a new bolted steel water storage tank.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved the Project described above on October 2, 2024. The Orleans Mutual Water Company will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Abbygayle Guevara

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A record of Project approval, adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available upon request to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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