

CEQA FINDINGS FOR AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES CEQA RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS SACRAMENTO COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY OLD POPPY RIDGE ROAD WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

I. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The California Department of Water Resources (“Department”), as a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), makes the following findings with regard to the application submitted by Sacramento County Water Resources Agency (SCWRA) for state funding for a portion of the costs of constructing the Old Poppy Ridge Road Project (Project). On April 13th, 2001, SCWRA, as the Lead Agency under CEQA, submitted a Notice of Determination (NOD) to adopt an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Project.

The Project involves the construction of a water storage and treatment facility in the East Franklin/Laguna Ridge area on Old Poppy Ridge Road. The Project is located on Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 132-0050-049 and the coordinates are 38°23'22.36"N 121°24'53.49"W. The Project site is approximately 30,000 square feet.

The Department, as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, has reviewed and considered the documentation prepared by SCWRA, the Lead Agency. The Department has carefully considered the environmental effects of the Project and has reached its own independent conclusion on whether and how to approve the provision of state funding for the costs of constructing the Project.

The Department’s role in the Project would be to provide funding to SCWRA pursuant to a Funding Agreement (# 4600015463) for a portion of the Project construction costs. The Department has no police power authority over the Project, and it has no authority over the Project as a permitting or regulatory agency.

Based on its independent review of the Project, the Department makes the following findings.

II. NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

Based on the Department’s independent judgment and analysis, the Department agrees with the impact analysis presented in the IS/ND; that the environmental review by SCWRA is sufficient to guarantee that the Project would have no significant effect on the environment.

III. NO STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS OR FINDINGS REGARDING ALTERNATIVES ARE REQUIRED

Because the Project as planned would not have a significant effect on the environment, CEQA does not require the Department to consider alternatives to the Project or adopt a statement of overriding considerations.

IV. NO SUPPLEMENTAL OR SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS REQUIRED

The Department finds that no supplemental or subsequent environmental review is required. In particular, the Department finds that there are no substantial changes in the Project, no substantial changes in the circumstances surrounding the Project, and no new information of substantial importance, which gives rise to a new significant environmental impact or otherwise triggers the need for additional CEQA review under Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines.

In April 2001, SCWRA prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration to evaluate the Project for mitigation of potential impacts on the environment. Based on the Department's independent review, the Department concurs with the determination made by SCWRA.

V. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT

The Department hereby formally adopts the findings set forth herein.

Date

8/1/2024

Signature



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