

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108*

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013051023

Project Title: Waalew Tank and Pipeline Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0080-R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at two (2) unnamed tributaries to Apple Valley Lake, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.559435 Longitude -117.144755 or Section 36, Township 6N, Range 3W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Apple Valley North Quadrangle, San Bernardino meridian, within an unincorporated portion of Apple Valley. The first reservoir is located approximately 0.10-mile north of the Sunset Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary and the second reservoir will be located approximately 0.07-mile to the east of the terminus of Valley Crest Terrace Road; Assessors Parcel Numbers 0437-182-05-0000, 0437-182-06-0000, 0437-182-09-0000

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0080-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, The Golden State Water Company as represented by Dane Sinagra.

The project is limited to two (2) construction components. The first consists of construction of the Waalew Tank with a pad site of 200 x 200 feet in area on the streambed. The tank will have a 300,000-gallon capacity, be 27 feet in height, 52 feet in diameter, and protected by an eight-foot metal fence. The second component is the installation of a pipeline between Valley Crest Reservoir (previously constructed) and Waalew Tank. The pipeline will be installed using jack and bore techniques and cross 42 feet of desert wash. Construction equipment includes scrapers, backhoes and water trucks for dust control. Jack and bore techniques will create a jacking and receiving pit within previously disturbed desert brush habitat, and See Exhibit A.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on October 19, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

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Scott Wilson
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Date: _____

Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____