

## 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:** 2016081027

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 8185-210

**PROJECT TITLE:** Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located in unincorporated areas around and within the City of Morro Bay (City) in San Luis Obispo County (County), California, at the crossroads of Highway 1 and Highway 41. The proposed Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) site is located in an unincorporated portion of the County adjacent to the City, while the remaining infrastructure is located in the City itself. The WRF would be constructed on an approximately 10- to 15-acre area within a 396-acre parcel that is located along Highway 1, north of the northern terminus of South Bay Boulevard.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes new wastewater treatment facilities at the WRF site that would allow the City to upgrade to full secondary treatment, and development of an advanced water treatment facility. The Project also includes a finished water storage tank and pump station (located at the WRF site), injection wells, and monitoring wells. Advanced treated recycled water produced at the WRF would be used for indirect potable reuse via groundwater injection. An approximately 3.6-mile recycled water distribution system will be built to convey water to one of two injection well areas, and waste discharge pipeline to convey brine or treated wet weather flows to the ocean outfall.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 8, 2021. The City of Morro Bay 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 have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will not have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board's jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A Environmental Impact Report was prepared and adopted/certified 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/was not adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Morro Bay

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Rob Livick

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A record of financing approval for the Project is available 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. The Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: June 8, 2021

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