

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2006101004

Project Title: Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2018-027-04 (ITP) Minor Amendment No. 1

Project Location: The Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (Supply Project) includes activities at multiple locations for the installation of pipelines and construction of a Seawater Desalination Plant within unincorporated areas of northern Monterey County, in the town of Castroville, and in the City of Marina.

Project Description: The Supply Project involves the installation of a desalination plant, associated pipelines, including the Transmission Main Pipeline, Castroville Pipeline, Desalinated Water Pipeline, and the Source Water Pipeline along with the installation of two Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Wells. Project activities encompass a total of 54.57 acres.

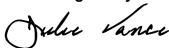
The Supply Project will permanently remove 14.746 acres and temporarily impact 34.681 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) (CTS) upland habitat. The Supply Project is expected to result in incidental take of CTS, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Supply Project implementation. Minor Amendment No. 1, as referenced above and issued by CDFW extends the expiration date of the ITP from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2028, and revises the language used to describe habitat associated with General Jim Moore Boulevard and engineered fill to clarify that Conditions of Approval associated with Covered Activities are necessary for that portion of the Project Area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 10/16/2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / 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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional 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 / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature FA83F09FE08945A...Date: 10/16/2023

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____