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California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Determination

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From: **Responsible Agency / Applicant:**
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Subject:
Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Agreement Amendment for the Dry Year Water Purchase Program with the California Department of Water Resources and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency and Address	Contact and Telephone/Email
2005062111	Yuba County Water Agency 1220 F Street Marysville, California 95901-4740	Jacob Vander Meulen (530) 443-7412 jvandermeulen@yubawater.org

Project Location (include county): Yuba County and other counties. (Please see the attached Figures 1 and 2 and the information provided in the Lead Agency's NOD).

Project Description: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) authorized its General Manager to amend the existing Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement (Agreement) between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Metropolitan. The Agreement is associated with the Water Purchase Agreement between DWR and Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba Water), whereby DWR purchases Yuba Water supplies under the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program (Yuba Accord). The Yuba Accord, implemented by the Yuba Water since 2008, is a comprehensive settlement resolving issues regarding instream flow requirements for the lower Yuba River, water transfers, conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater, and fisheries management. The environmental effects of the Yuba Accord were evaluated in an EIR, which was certified in 2007 (SCH No. 2005062111).

Metropolitan is a State Water Project contractor and a party to the Agreement with DWR for the purchase of Yuba Water supplies that DWR obtains through the Water Purchase Agreement. Both the Water Purchase Agreement and Metropolitan's Agreement with DWR expire at the end of 2025.

The amendment would extend the Agreement twenty-five years, through December 31, 2050. The amendment includes updating water purchase pricing subject to amendments at five-year intervals. Agreement amendment details are available in the December 8, 2025, Board Letter (Item 7-5).

This is to advise that The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, reviewed and considered the Lead Agency's certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Extension of the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program (SCH No. 2005062111) on December 9, 2025, and made the following determinations regarding the water agreement amendment project:

1. The Agreement Amendment (project), as analyzed in the Supplemental EIR, **will not** result in any new or substantially more severe significant environmental impacts beyond those described in the certified 2007 EIR.
2. A **Supplemental EIR** was prepared for the project and certified pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures from the certified 2007 EIR **were** made a condition of the approval of the project; therefore, no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
4. The implementation of applicable mitigation measures from the certified 2007 EIR will be monitored and reported in accordance with the existing Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** required or adopted for the project.
6. Findings **were** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

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The certified Supplemental EIR, Findings, and related CEQA documentation and record of project approval are on file at Metropolitan's headquarters located at 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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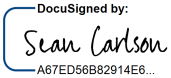
Sean Carlson scarlson@mwdh2o.com Team Mgr-Environ Planning Metropolitan Water District Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)	DocuSigned by:  A67ED56B82914E6... Signature Adoption: Pre-selected Style Using IP Address: 144.166.55.173	Sent: 12/10/2025 10:55:11 AM Viewed: 12/10/2025 11:37:26 AM Signed: 12/10/2025 11:37:41 AM

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