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Notice of Determination

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA Office of Planning and Research <i>Online filing</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County of Alameda Clerk-Recorder 1106 Madison Street Oakland, CA 94607	Responsible Agency / Applicant: Zone 7 Water Agency 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551 Attn: Elke Rank 925-454-5005

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 Zone 7 Water Agency.

State Clearinghouse Number:	2005062111
Lead Agency and Address:	Yuba County Water Agency. 1220 F Street Marysville, California 95901-4740
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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: Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) authorized its General Manager to amend the existing Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement (Agreement) between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Zone 7. 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).

Zone 7 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 Zone 7’s Agreement with DWR expired 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.

This is to advise that Zone 7 water Agency, 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 February 18, 2026, 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.

The certified Supplemental EIR, Findings, and related CEQA documentation and record of project approval are on file at Zone 7 water Agency 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551.

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