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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To:	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Attn: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814	**From:** **Contact:** **Phone:**	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, California 95814 Patrick Luzuriaga 916-820-7778

Subject	Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resource Code
Project Title	Amendment to Agreement for Storage of a Portion of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (Metropolitan's) SWP Water in Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK's) High Desert Water Bank (HDWB) (SWP #23026-B)
State Clearinghouse Number(s)	SCH #2017061030
Lead Agency	Antelope Valley-East Kern (AVEK)
Project Location (include county)	Kern and Los Angeles Counties
Project Description	The original Agreement, SWP #23026, which was executed in 2023 and amended in 2024, set forth the terms and conditions for the delivery of a portion of Metropolitan's SWP Water to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) for temporary storage in the High Desert Water Bank (HDWB) through September 11, 2025, and later recovery from HDWB for use in Metropolitan's service area through December 31, 2027. This Amendment extends the terms for delivery and recovery to December 31, 2026 and December 31, 2028, respectively.
Determination	This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 6, 2025, and has made the following determinations : 1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. 2. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration **was** prepared for this project by the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. 3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of the approval of this project by the Lead Agency. 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was** adopted for this project by the Lead Agency. 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.

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	6. Findings **were not** made by DWR pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the office of Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency, 6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA, 93351.

Signature: Molly White Molly White Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project	Date: 11/6/2025