# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**TO:**
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
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**FROM:**
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2016031038

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3010042-001C

**DOCUMENT TITLE:** Doheny Ocean Desalination Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located at and adjacent to Doheny State Beach, in the City of Dana Point, within Orange County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the Project referred to internally as Doheny Ocean Desalination. The Project includes a subsurface water intake system (beach wells), a raw ocean water conveyance pipeline, a desalination facility, a concentrate (brine) disposal system, a product water storage tank and distribution system, appurtenant facilities, and offsite electrical supply.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has considered the Environmental Impact Report prepared by the Lead Agency. Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on July 9, 2025 regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The South Coast Water District 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 not 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. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the start of construction of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

**LEAD AGENCY:** South Coast Water District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Rick Shintaku

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Project records and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

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