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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref.: 9714; A5662
SCH#: 2016031038
Item: 49

Title: Doheny Ocean Desalination Project

Applicant: South Coast Water District

Location: Sovereign land in the Pacific Ocean, adjacent to Doheny State Beach, Orange County

Description: The Proposed Revised Modified Revised Project ("Project") is similar to the originally approved Project, approved by the District on June 27, 2019. The Project proposes an average annual production of five million gallons per day of potable water from slant wells drilled at Doheny State Beach, in addition to associated raw water conveyance lines and various related improvements to Doheny State Beach campground, and a desalination facility on existing District property located approximately ¼-mile inland, adjacent to San Juan Creek. The Project also includes an Energy Center with various renewable energy facilities, and minor improvements to Paseo Costa Sur (access road). The State Lands Commission action is an amendment of a 20-year General Lease – Public Agency Use through October 2046.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission as ☐Lead Agency ☒Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on October 21, 2026, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project ☒will ☐will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures ☒were ☐were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒was ☐was not adopted for this project.

5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐was ☒was not adopted for this project.

6) Findings ☒were ☐were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, South Coast Water District (SCWD), certified the EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approved the project on June 27, 2019. SCWD also adopted an Addendum to the EIR and approved the modified project on September 26, 2026. The California State Lands Commission has previously considered the EIR as prepared for this project by SCWD and adopted an independent Mitigation Monitoring Program incorporating SCWD's documents, which remains in full force. The EIR, Addendum, and the record of project approval may be examined at the California State Lands Commission office address.



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