Notice of Determination

Appendix D

TO:

☒ Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of: Ventura
Address: 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009

FROM:

Public Agency: City of San Buenaventura (Ventura)
Address: 336 Sanjon Road
Ventura, CA 93001
Contact: Gina Dorrington
Phone: (805) 677-4131
Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2017111004

Project Title: Ventura Water Supply Projects

Project Location (include county): City of Ventura, Ventura County

Project Description: The City of San Buenaventura (City of Ventura/City) as the Lead Agency has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) to provide the public and agencies with information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with implementation of the Ventura Water Supply Projects (projects). The City is proposing to implement the proposed projects to augment local water supply in an environmentally responsible and cost-efficient manner, provide a drought- and disaster-resilient water supply, protect, maintain, and improve ecological resources and related beneficial uses of the Santa Clara River Estuary (SCRE), improve municipal supply quality within the service area, and maintain compliance with the City's VWRF NPDES permit.

The projects would be implemented in two phases. The first phase (Phase 1) would divert tertiary-treated water, which currently flows into the SCRE, to the VenturarWaterPure Project for additional treatment, protecting the ecology of the SCRE and providing a new potable water supply. The second phase (Phase 2) would provide additional needed water supply if Phase 1 is insufficient to meet the needs of planned growth. Phase 2 would consist of 100 percent diversion of tertiary treated wastewater or, if diversion of 100 percent is not permitted, ocean desalination, Phase 1 is evaluated at a project level. Phase 2 would only be implemented if the amount of recycled water available is less than future potable demands. If Phase 2 is needed to meet future water demands, then additional proejct-level CEQA review would be required to evaluate the implementation of the Phase 2 projects.

Phase 1 would be constructed in two stages. Phase 1a would divert tertiary treated flow from the VWRF to a new Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) by 2025, leaving a continued discharge level (CDL) of 1.9 million gallons per day (MGD) to the SCRE. Phase 1b would expand treatment capacity at the AWPF, maintaining a CDL of 0-0.5 MGD to the SCRE by 2030. The following components of the VenturaWaterPure Project would be constructed as part of Phase 1.

Advanced Water Purification Facility: The proposed AWPF would be located within one of three locations within the City of Ventura or in nearby unincorporated Ventura County within a 5- to 20-acre site. Three alternative AWPF locations have been identified, referred to as the Harbor Boulevard site, Transport Street site, and Portola Road site. The project approval recommended prioritization of project development and siting for the Advanced Water Purification Facility at the Harbor Site.

Water Conveyance System: The project would require installation of several pipelines to convey source water and product water throughout the new system. The pipelines would be constructed within public rights-of-way where feasible. A new pump station would be constructed at the AWPF to pump the water to the groundwater wells (i.e., IPR), or the Bailey Water Conditioning Facility (WCF) and/or Saticoy WCF (i.e., DPR).

Groundwater Wells: The proposed projects include construction of up to six wells within the Oxnard Plain Basin. Up to three wells would be located at Well Site 1 and up to three wells would be located at either Well Site 2 or Well Site 3

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By: Yvonne Cabral, Deputy

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By: _____, Deputy

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

(final configuration to be determined by detailed groundwater modeling). Each well would have capacity to inject/extract between 1,250 – 2,750 gallons per minute.

Wildlife/Treatment Wetlands: As part of the proposed project, 20 to 30 acres of treatment wetlands may be constructed east of the VWRF to provide additional treatment to the effluent prior to being discharged to the SCRE. In addition, one or more of the existing ponds may be filled to create a depth less than 3 feet, and vegetation may be established. If new treatment wetlands are constructed, a new pipeline and pump station would be constructed on the VWRF site to convey the non-diverted, tertiary-treated water to the new wildlife/treatment wetlands.

Ventura Wastewater Reclamation Facility Treatment Upgrades: VWRF treatment upgrades would be implemented in combination with the modified and/or new wildlife/treatment wetlands to further reduce nitrogen in VWRF effluent discharged from the wildlife/treatment wetlands to the SCRE. The treatment upgrades would be constructed on the existing VWRF property and may include the addition of aeration blowers, primary treatment improvements, filter replacements and other system upgrades.

Concentrate Discharge Facility: The EIR evaluates two potential concentrate discharge facility options: either a new ocean outfall or a discharge pipeline to the Calleguas Municipal Water District's existing Salinity Management Pipeline (SMP) Ocean Outfall. The project approval recommended prioritization of project development and siting for the concentrate discharge facility as a new Ocean Outfall at Marina Park. The new ocean outfall will be located just north of the Ventura Harbor, installed with directional drilling techniques from Marina Park, emerging on the ocean floor 2,000 to 4,000 feet offshore. Once emerged, an extension of the outfall will be attached and placed along the ocean floor until the sea depth to outfall reaches approximately 50-foot depths. A diffuser will be installed at the end of the outfall with discharge portals designed to maximize efficient dilution and to protect wildlife. A pipeline will be constructed from the AWPF to the ocean outfall within public rights-of-way where feasible. An alternative to a new outfall would be to construct a new 8 to 14-inch-diameter concentrate pipeline and pump station to convey concentrate from the proposed AWPF to the existing Calleguas SMP ocean outfall. The pipeline would be constructed within public rights-of-way where feasible. Similar to the new outfall, the exact alignment route of the conveyance pipelines would be contingent on the chosen AWPF site. The concentrate would be discharged to the ocean through the existing SMP ocean outfall, subject to SMP capacity availability and approval from Calleguas.

Phase 2 Component: Phase 2 of the proposed projects will augment water supplies if Phase 1 is insufficient to meet water demands. The AWPF will be expanded as needed to accommodate the consistent diversion of 100 percent of tertiary-treated flow from the VWRF. If this option is not approved or does not meet the City's water supply needs, the City would pursue implementation of an ocean desalination facility. The ocean desalination treatment facility would be located at the AWPF site. The total amount of water produced would be dependent on the remaining demand not met by recycled water. The treatment facility would include similar treatment processes as the AWPF, but would be dedicated to the ocean water source. The desalination option was analyzed at a programmatic level in this EIR and would require additional CEQA review prior to any approval.

This is to advise that the City of San Buenaventura has approved the above described project on
(☒ *Lead Agency or* ☐ *Responsible Agency*)

October 14, 2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described projects.
(*Date*)

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project 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.

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

City of San Buenaventura, Ventura Water Department, 336 Sanjon Road, Ventura, CA 93001 or online at https://www.venturawater.net

Signature (Public Agency) P Still Title: Community Development Director

Date: October 15, 2019 Date Received filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Reference: Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Complete the information and submit with each set of documents presented for filing. Please provide an orginal set and (3) three sets of copies for filing.

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
City of Ventura - Vta Water Dept.	gdorrington@cityofventura.ca.gov	10/15/19

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Ventura County	

PROJECT TITLE: City of Ventura Ventura Water Supply Projects

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
City of San Buenaventura (Ventura)	gdorrington@cityofventura.ca.gov	(805) 677-4131

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
336 Sanjon Rd.	Ventura	CA	93001

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☒ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$3,271.00	$ 3,271.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,354.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	$1,077.00	$

☐ Exempt from fee
- ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee	$50.00	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $3,721.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
P Gill.	Peter Gilli - Community Development Director
Date 10/15/19	Telephone Number (805) 658-4723

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Signature of person receiving payment: Yvonne Cabral, Deputy County Clerk, Total Recieved: $ 3,321.00

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State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Notice of Determination and Notice of Completion for the City of San Buenaventura, Ventura Water Supply Projects Environmental Impact Report

Dear State Clearinghouse:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Determination (NOD) for the City of San Buenaventura, Ventura Water Supply Projects Environmental Impact Report. The Projects were approved by the City (City Council) on October 14, 2019.

In accordance with Sections 15075 and15085 of the State of California Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, this NOD is provided for posting by your office for a period of 30 days. We respectfully request that you post this NOD as soon as possible. Please stamp one copy and return to Susan Rungren, Ventura Water, in the return envelope provided.

The required California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fee in the amount of $3,271 was paid to the Ventura Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

If you have questions on this matter, please contact me at (805) 652-4500.

Sincerely,

Susan Rungren
Ventura Water General Manager

Enclosures: (1) Two copies of NOD
(2) Self-addressed stamped envelope