

Notice of Determination

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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): 2020069048

Project Title: Vail Dam Seismic and Hydrologic Remediation Project

Project Applicant: Rancho California Water District

Project Location (include county): Vail Dam and Lake are located in unincorporated southwestern Riverside County, east of Temecula, CA, Riverside County

Project Description: The San Diego Water Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2025-0122) to the Project Applicant. The Applicant proposes to construct a new straight axis gravity concrete dam immediately downstream of the existing Vail Lake Dam. The replacement dam will be constructed so the resultant storage capacity and maximum reservoir level will be essentially equal to the capacity and elevation prior to the water level restriction, with a slight increase in lake surface area of approximately 0.66 acre between the existing dam and the proposed dam.

This is to advise that the San Diego Water Board, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on September 15, 2025, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within the San Diego Water Board's purview as a Responsible Agency.
2. The San Diego Water Board considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the San Diego Water Board's approval of the project.

4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
6. Findings were made by the San Diego Water Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office of the Lead Agency listed above. The record associated with the San Diego Water Board's decision is available at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No.R9-2025-0122/PIN 897950).

Signature (Public Agency) of David W. Gibson, Executive Officer:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.
Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.