

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

Public Agency: Delhi County Water District
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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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): 2020080050

Project Title: Delhi County Water District Water System Improvements

Project Applicant: Delhi County Water District

Project Location (include county): Merced

Project Description:

See attached.

This is to advise that the Delhi County Water District has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on April 7, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project 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 made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

District office: 9738 Stephens Street

Signature (Public Agency) [Signature] Title: General Manager

Date: 4/7/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Project Description

The Delhi County Water District (District) proposes water system improvements that will abandon and destroy existing private domestic wells to install approximately 3,160 feet of water line, water service, and lateral connections to approximately seventy-six residences in the unincorporated Community of Delhi in Merced County (Project).

The seventy-six residences are located within two neighborhoods. One neighborhood along Letteau Avenue and Flower Street consists of forty homes and the other neighborhood along Corner Street and August Avenue consists of thirty-six homes. Residents of these two neighborhoods have been requesting assistance to help alleviate the drought related issues they are experiencing. Due to the shallow depth of the private wells and uncertain groundwater levels, abandonment of the private existing wells for a more reliable and modern water system are necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the Community. Recent testing of the private wells in these neighborhoods has revealed nitrate levels between 26 mg/L and 33 mg/L, approximately three times the state maximum contaminant level for nitrate in a public water system. Residents of the Community seek to secure a reliable water system as the diminishing groundwater supply may further degrade the quality of their drinking water.

The Project consists of the installation of approximately 1,310 feet of 12-inch water line, 1,755 feet of 8-inch water line, and 95 feet of 6-inch water line connecting to the Delhi County Water District's water distribution system to supply all seventy-six households. The pipe will be within 20' of either side of the street with a trench that will be 3' to 5' deep, and 3' to 5' wide. Potential staging areas include the Delhi County Water District Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Delhi High School. Additionally, the Project will include isolation gate valves, a tapping sleeve & valve, water service to each lot, lateral connections, well abandonments, and other miscellaneous costs outlined in the attached scope of work and budget.

The Project is divided into four tasks. The first task is composed of the water line extension in the public right of way, the second task is the private property connection (meter to house), the third task is well destruction, and the final task consists of general provisions such as project management and construction management. The first task is anticipated to start in May of 2020 and go through June of 2022.