

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation, State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021040036

PROJECT NUMBER: 5610024-001C

DOCUMENT TITLE: Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in the unincorporated southwestern portion of Ventura County and the unincorporated southeastern portion of Santa Barbara County and is approximately 0.3 mile east of the city of Carpinteria, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie (ASADRA). The Project includes construction of a high-capacity intertie between two independent water conveyance systems via a 1.5-mile, 16-inch-diameter pipeline and two pump stations. The Project establishes a high-capacity intertie between two independent water conveyance systems via a 1.5-mile, 16-inch-diameter pipeline and two pump stations. The Project enables bidirectional water transfer between Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties during emergencies such as South Coast Conduit failure, drought, flood, debris flow, landslide, earthquake, and wildfire, facilitating mutual aid between Casitas and Carpinteria Valley Water Districts. Additionally, the Project will enable the Applicant to access its State Water Project allocation.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the Lead Agency. The State Water Board has approved funding for the Project described above on May 21, 2026. The Casitas Municipal 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. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval 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: Casitas Municipal Water District

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Records of the financing approval 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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