

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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FROM:

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

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021040415

PROJECT NUMBER: 5400519-001C

DOCUMENT TITLE: Palo Verde Union Elementary School District Water System Improvement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located within the Palo Verde Union Elementary School campus, City of Tulare, within Tulare County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is financing the Project referred to internally as Palo Verde Union Elementary School Well. The Project includes the drilling and construction of a new domestic standard well (Well No. 3). Well No. 3 is expected to yield about 300 gallons per minute, and installation of a 10,000-gallon pressure tank, 15 horse-power booster pump, 166 linear feet (LF) of new water distribution line and 500-LF of new irrigation main to all valve boxes from Well No. 3. Appurtenant facilities and construction will also include a gate valve box, back flow preventer, and a six feet high chain link fence around Well No. 3 and appurtenant facilities.

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 financing the Project described above on February 18, 2026. The Palo Verde Union Elementary School 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.

LEAD AGENCY: Palo Verde Union Elementary School 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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