

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation, State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
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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: 2022120660

PROJECT NUMBER: 5610022-002C

DOCUMENT TITLE: 2023 Water Projects (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Ventura and Ojai, Ventura County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the Project referred to internally as 2023 Water Projects. The Project includes various improvement projects to increase the reliability, flexibility, and efficiency of Ventura River Water District's potable water production, treatment, storage, and distribution system. The improvement projects consist of water main improvements, a new 700,000-gallon water tank, a new pump station, the rehabilitation of an existing 210,000-gallon water tank, pump station improvements, the rehabilitation of a chlorination facility and upgrades, a new 3,000-gallon chemical tank, the construction of a standby generator sound wall, and the construction of two new solar (photovoltaic) energy 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. Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on July 9, 2025 in accordance with the regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulation section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The Ventura River 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 start of construction of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA.

LEAD AGENCY: Ventura River Water District

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Project records 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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