

Notice of Determination**Appendix D****To:**

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Public Agency: CA Dept. of Water Resources
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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): 2023060467

Project Title: Long-term Operations of the State Water Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location (include county): Various Counties - See Figure 1

Project Description:

Please see attached

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources has approved the above
 (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on October 28, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ 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 ☒ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] 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:

<https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices>; 3500 Industrial Blvd, West Sacramento, CA, 95691

Signature (Public Agency): Lenny Grimaldo Title: Asst. Environmental Director

Date: 12/4/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Attachment 1

Project Description and Purpose: DWR is proposing an alternative decision-making approach to the collaborative approach described in the FEIR in section 2.3.3.2, Start of OMR Management, subsections of 2.3.3. Real-Time Adjustments, including Adult Delta Smelt Entrainment Protection Action and Larval and Juvenile Delta Smelt Protection Action, and section 2.3.22 Governance, subsection 2.3.22.4, Delta (2024 Incidental Take Permit for the Long-Term Operations of the California State Water Project Conditions of Approval [COAs] 8.5.1 and 8.6.1, which in turn would affect three of the Delta Smelt Actions [COAs 8.3.1, 8.3.2, 8.4.1]). The proposed modifications include the following:

- The First Flush Action, Adult Delta Smelt Entrainment Protection Action (Turbidity Bridge) and Larval and Juvenile Longfin Smelt Protection Action will be added to the list of SWP management actions that are subject to assessment.
 - Assessments will propose operational adjustments within boundaries no more negative than -5,000 cfs OMR.
 - Assessments will include an evaluation of impacts to covered species by proposed operations, informed by available quantitative tools and real-time data, which may include entrainment and routing, modeling, distribution, and other real-time data, as appropriate.
- Allow real-time assessment for Delta Smelt winter and spring entrainment protection actions.
 - DWR will provide an assessment framework that considers covered species impacts.
 - DWR will develop a science plan to improve understanding of Delta Smelt and salmonid movement and migration behaviors during the OMR flow period that will inform the real-time assessment framework of OMR flow management for Delta Smelt and Salmon and develop new operational conditions by 2029.

No changes to SWP facilities or other operations are proposed.

