

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: 2023110382

PROJECT NUMBER: 8799-110

DOCUMENT TITLE: Torrance Groundwater Desalter Expansion Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located within the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's service area, primarily within the City of Torrance and in the neighborhood of Southwest Village. Project components will also be located in the cities of Los Angeles, Carson, and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Torrance Groundwater Desalter Expansion Project. The Project includes The Project includes construction of four extraction wells, expansion of the desalter in the City of Torrance Public Works Yard, and approximately 17,000 linear feet (lf) feedwater pipeline, and approximately 100 lf. of product water pipeline. The expansion of the desalter includes the construction of additional reverse osmosis and automatic backwash strainer (pretreatment) units.

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 for the Project described above on May 12, 2025. The Water Replenishment District of Southern California 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: Water Replenishment District of Southern California

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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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