

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: 2024010761

PROJECT NUMBER: 4200833-001C

DOCUMENT TITLE: Bonita Elementary School Drinking Water Improvements Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Bonita School Road/State Route 166/Black Road, Santa Barbara County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Bonita Elementary School Consolidation with City of Santa Maria. The components of the Project to be funded by the State Water Resources Control Board include the consolidation of Bonita Elementary School (School) with the City of Santa Maria (City) via approximately 8,100 linear feet of a two-inch diameter service line from the planned terminus of the City's water system near the City's wastewater treatment plant to the School. The existing on-site well and 10,000-gallon storage tank at the School will be repurposed for non-potable use to meet peak demand, fire flow requirements, and irrigation demand. A hydropneumatic tank with a maximum capacity of 1,000 gallons, an air compressor, above-grade piping, and isolation valves may be added to meet peak flow demands. Minor piping modifications will be made to disconnect the School's existing onsite well system from its potable water system, after which the School will connect to the City's municipal water supply. Other improvements include installation of blowoffs along the pipeline, replacement of interior lead service lines in an existing building, and other appurtenances on the School's property.

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 December 11, 2025. The Santa Maria-Bonita 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: Santa Maria-Bonita School District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Javier Cavazos

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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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