

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2024120933

**PROJECT NUMBER:** EDWG-4000732-001C

**DOCUMENT TITLE:** Carrisa Plains School Water System Improvements Project  
(Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 9640 California State Route 58, Santa Margarita, CA 93453

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Carrisa Plains Nitrate Compliance. The components of the Project to be funded by the State Water Resources Control Board include the replacement of the existing water system serving both the Carrisa Plains Elementary School (School) and two single-family residences on the School's campus. The current infrastructure, an onsite groundwater well, a 2,500-gallon plastic storage tank, and a booster pump, will be replaced with a new water source well, a 25 ft by 25 ft fenced enclosure for the well, a 5,000-gallon bolted steel water storage tank, a booster pump, 1,400 ft of 4-inch polyvinyl chloride pipes, electrical conduit, and a backup generator. The existing well will be demolished and removed after the proposed well is constructed and in service. A nitrate-ion exchange system and water softening system may be installed if the new well continues to exceed the nitrate maximum contaminant level of ten milligrams per liter.

**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 the Project described above on March 3, 2026. The Atascadero Unified 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:** Atascadero Unified School District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Brant Lloyd

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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