

## 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:** 2025040525

**PROJECT NUMBER:** EDWG-1510031-001C

**DOCUMENT TITLE:** Consolidation of South Kern and Old River Mutual Water Companies into the City of Bakersfield Water System AR 6060 Prop1 (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Old River Road, south of McCutchen Road to a neighborhood south of SR 119, Bakersfield, Kern County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as South Kern/Old River Consolidation Project. The Project involves the consolidation of the Old River Mutual Water Company and South Kern Mutual Water Company into the City of Bakersfield's water system. The components of the Project, to be funded by the State Water Board, include the abandonment of two wells, installation of five fire hydrants, and the construction of approximately 6,000 linear feet of a new ten-inch water main, 1,500 linear feet of eight-inch lateral pipelines, and 29 household connections.

**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 April 1, 2026. The City of Bakersfield 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:** City of Bakersfield

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Jennie Eng

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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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