

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: 2025090438

PROJECT NUMBER: EDWG-5410010-003C

DOCUMENT TITLE: Hope Elementary School Water System Improvements Project
(Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: South Indiana Street and West Teapot Dome Avenue,
Porterville, CA, Tulare County

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 Hope School Water System Consolidation with Porterville Project. The components of the Project, to be funded by the State Water Board, include the consolidation of Hope Elementary School with the City of Porterville's existing water system. The Project will construct 12-inch water mains, including approximately 6,550 linear feet along South Indiana Street and 5,300 linear feet along West Teapot Dome Avenue, of which approximately 1,345 linear feet will be installed via jack and bore drilling under State Route 65. Additional components include installing 23 one-inch water services for future residential connections; a four-inch service connection, water meter, and backflow preventer at the school; removing the existing storage tank and appurtenances; and destroying and abandoning the existing Wells 1 and 2. Fire hydrants will be installed approximately every 500 feet along the new mains.

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 February 27, 2026. The City of Porterville 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 Porterville

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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, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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