

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research
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☐ County Clerk

County of: _____
 Address: _____

From:

Public Agency: Oak Flat Water District
 Address: P.O. Box 1596
Patterson, California 95363
 Contact: Anthea Hansen, General Manager
 Phone: (209) 892-4470

Lead Agency (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025101239

Project Title: Oak Flat Water District Multi-Year Water Banking and Transfer Program (805) 644-4455

Project Applicant: Homer LLC 5701 Twxton Ave Bakersfield, CA 93309

Project Location (include county): Project extends across multiple cities and unincorporated areas

Project Description: See attached

This is to advise that the Oak Flat Water District has approved the above
 (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on 7/8/26 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project ☐ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☐ were ☒ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

17840 Ward Avenue, Patterson, California 95363

Signature (Public Agency): Anthea Hansen Title: General Manager

Date: 7/8/26 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Description:

The Project involves a Multi-Year Water Purchase Option Agreement (Agreement) between OFWD, Beltran Farms, Inc. (Beltran), and Homer LLC (Homer; Project Applicant), whereby Beltran assigns to Homer 100 percent or up to 1,858 AFY, of the OFWD Supplies available to the Beltran Property for a period of 30 years, or up to 55,740 AF during the term of the Agreement. Under the terms of the Agreement, Homer may use the assigned OFWD Supplies both within and outside of OFWD's service area, limited to only areas within the SWP Place of Use. The purpose of the Project is to provide Homer with flexibility to deliver the OFWD Supplies assigned to Homer under the Agreement outside of OFWD to meet the needs of various water management programs and partners. Through the Project, Homer may utilize OFWD supplies for its own uses on Homer properties or sell and deliver its OFWD supplies to water transfer partners. To allow for greater management flexibility and timing of deliveries, Homer may temporarily store OFWD supplies in the Semitropic SWRU groundwater banking program (using existing capacity rights) prior to recovering the water for use by Homer or its water transfer partners. Potential water transfer partners are located across California. Water transferred under this agreement may be delivered inside or outside of Kern County to Homer's water transfer partners.

The Project would not change the State Water Project water entitlement for OFWD or increase Beltran's maximum entitlement of State Water Project supplies from OFWD. As such, the Project would not increase the total quantity of State Water Project water supplies to be diverted from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta or delivered to OFWD. All of the Project water deliveries would be within the existing capacities of existing water infrastructure. No new facilities or capacity would need to be constructed to operate the Project because storage and conveyance facilities currently exist and are operational. Likewise, all deliveries to Homer's water management partners would be within the operational limits of facilities and projects established by previously approved CEQA documents. Because no new or upgraded physical infrastructure is required, there is no Project site that could be included on existing lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Water transferred under the Project would be used to offset existing demands and would not be used to support new, previously unplanned development.