

Notice of Determination

To:

■ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From:

Public Agency: City of Morro Bay
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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): 2016081027
Project Title: Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Project
Project Applicant: City of Morro Bay
Project Location (include county): Morro Bay and adjacent unincorporated areas, San Luis Obispo County
Project Description: See attached page.

This is to advise that the City of Morro Bay has approved the above (■ Lead Agency or □ Responsible Agency) Described project on 6/24/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above 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. ■ An Addendum to the EIR 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 Addendum with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

<https://morrobaywrf.com/documents/> and <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/Project/2016081027>

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Damaris Hanson Utilities Division Manager
Date: 6/25/25 Date Received for filing at LCI:

Project Description:

This Addendum describes the details of several refinements to the specific locations and types of project facilities that have occurred during evolution of the design process, which have resulted in new project impact areas beyond those identified and evaluated in the certified Final EIR for the Original Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Project (Original Project). This modified project concept is referred to herein as the Modified Project. The overall purpose, objectives, and nature of the Original Project would remain the same under the Modified Project. As with the Original Project, the Modified Project would consist of construction of the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), which includes an indirect potable reuse recycled water system and decommissioning and demolition of the existing Morro Bay-Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). In addition to the WRF, the Original Project includes construction of administration, operations, and maintenance buildings; lift stations and pipelines to convey raw wastewater to the WRF and waste discharges of reverse osmosis concentrate and treated wet weather flows from the WRF to the ocean outfall; and a new distribution system to convey advanced treated recycled water from the WRF to new groundwater injection wells in the Morro Valley Groundwater Basin. Water for the groundwater injection wells would be sourced from the WRF. As envisioned under the Original Project, the Modified Project would include several pipeline segments and injection wells to make up the recycled water distribution and injection network. However, under the Modified Project, locations for four potential recycled water distribution pipeline alignments and eight potential injection well sites have been defined, and a potential recycled water fill station and two new areas for potential non-potable reuse irrigation are proposed. (The City would select a combination of the potential pipeline segments and injection well locations to make up the ultimate recycled water distribution pipeline and injection well network.) In addition, under the Modified Project, a portion of the advanced treated recycled water produced at the WRF may be delivered for non-potable irrigation use at Lila Keiser Park and Morro Bay High School. The Modified Project may also include installation of a recycled water fill station, either at the WRF or Lila Keiser Park, which would make non-potable recycled water available for agricultural, construction, and municipal purposes and would replace the existing non-potable water fill station at the Flippos Well at Lila Keiser Park. Lastly, under the Modified Project, groundwater extracted from the Morro Valley Groundwater Basin would be conveyed to the potable water distribution system and may undergo treatment at the City's existing Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis treatment facility, be blended with other water supply sources, or be provided directly to the potable water distribution system. A map and detailed description of the Modified Project in comparison to the Original Project are available as part of the Final Addendum.