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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)

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Item: 60

Title: Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP)

Applicant: California-American Water Company

Location: Sovereign land in Monterey Bay, Pacific Ocean, near the City of Marina, Monterey County

Description: The MPWSP is a desalination water supply project that would include a desalination facility and related infrastructure, including a source water intake consisting of four subsurface slant wells and the conversion and use of one existing slant well located at the CEMEX property in Marina, Monterey County, and extending offshore in the submerged lands of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The State Lands Commission action is approval of a 24-year General Lease – Industrial Use for the above-described slant wells through January 1, 2050.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission as ☐Lead Agency ☒Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on June 23, 2026, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project ☒will ☐will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared 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.

The lead agency for the project, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), certified the EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approved the MPWSP on September 13, 2018. The Coastal Commission subsequently reviewed the MPWSP project with construction to occur in two phases, and approved Phase 1 with a CEQA-equivalent Coastal Development Permit (CDP). Phase 1 of the MPWSP, as approved by the Coastal Commission, is the activity now subject to the Commission's responsible agency authority. The California State Lands Commission has considered the EIR prepared for this project by CPUC as well as the CDP prepared by the Coastal Commission and has adopted an independent Mitigation Monitoring Program incorporating CPUC's document. The EIR, the CDP, and the record of project approval may be examined at the California State Lands Commission office address.



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