

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

<b>TO:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Diego County Clerk P.O. Box 121750 1700 Pacific Highway, Suite 260 San Diego, CA 92101	<b>FROM:</b>	Public Agency/Lead Agency: Valley Center Municipal Water District (Responsible Agency)  Address: 29300 Valley Center Road Valley Center, CA 92082  Contact: Wally Grabbe, PE District Engineer/Deputy General Manager  Phone: (760) 735-4558 Email: wgrabbe@valleycenterwater.org
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<b>TO:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  <input type="checkbox"/> 1400 Tenth Street, Rm. 113 Sacramento, CA 95814		Lead Agency (if different from above) San Diego County Water Authority  Address: 4677 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123  Contact: Summer Adleberg  Phone: (858) 522-6754 Email: sadleberg@sdewa.org
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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 SCH): 93011028
<b>Project Title:</b> San Diego County Water Authority Emergency Water Storage Project
<b>Project Applicant and Responsible Agency (include address and telephone number):</b>  Valley Center Municipal Water District 29300 Valley Center Road Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 735-4558

Specific Project Location – Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 ½' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):

Portion of a parcel owned by FPUD immediately south of Red Mountain Reservoir; an undeveloped and cleared parcel of land along East Mission Road, just east of I-15 and north of the I-15 Mission Road interchange; and Valley Center Municipal Water District infrastructure. See attached map.

General Project Location (City and/or County): San Diego County

**Project Description:** The San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) is preparing to implement the final phase of its multi-phase Emergency Water Storage Project (ESP) to extend emergency water supply service to the northernmost portions of the Water Authority's service area in northern San Diego County. To extend ESP service to these areas, the ESP North County Pump Stations phase proposes two new pump stations, two flow control facilities and appurtenant interconnecting pipelines and valves, and improvements to a member agency's water distribution system, which together will lift and convey water to these northern service areas. Constructing and commissioning the proposed facilities will require agreements between the Water Authority and each of the four affected member agencies, specifying details of project ownership, construction, and operation.

The ESP was the subject of the Emergency Water Storage Project Final Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS, SCH #93011028). The Water Authority was lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) was the lead agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). On August 15, 1996, the Water Authority's Board of Directors certified the EIR/EIS; approved the project; and adopted the supporting CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP). The ACOE issued a NEPA Record of Decision in 1996.

The EIR/EIS assumed that the ESP would include new facilities to bring ESP water to the northern member agencies, but subsequent project planning has identified reduced projected water demands and operational efficiencies resulting in the need for slight alterations of the previously analyzed components, as well as the need for addition of other minor improvements that were not explicitly discussed by the EIR/EIS. Specifically, the additional components planned for this phase of the ESP that were not addressed in the EIR/EIS are infrastructure improvements to the existing Valley Center Municipal Water District (District) water-transmission system consisting of several minor upgrades and capacity expansions, including (1) expansion of the District's existing San Gabriel Pump Station, (2) upsizing a portion of an existing discharge pipeline in Lilac Road, (3) construction of a new flow control facility (Halcones FCF) to connect to the Yuima Municipal Water District (YMWD) distribution system, (4) extension of the Muutama discharge pipeline, (5) construction of a new flow control facility (McNally FCF), (6) minor modifications of several other existing pump stations, and (7) relocation and abandonment of an existing pipeline west of Lilac Road (together, "Valley Center Improvements").

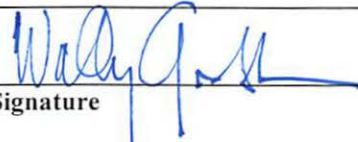
Due to their limited scale, incorporating the Valley Center Improvements is a minor modification to the approved alternative ESP addressed in the original environmental document. The Water Authority prepared and considered an addendum to the EIR/EIS, Addendum 21, to document the planned changes in ESP features and consider the potential environmental impacts related to these changes, approving Addendum No. 21 on July 13, 2021. On August 16, 2021, the District adopted Resolution No. 2021-30 considering the Addendum, making responsible agency findings under CEQA, and approving the Valley Center Improvements.

Identify the person or entity undertaking the project, including any private applicant, any other person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the project, and any person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the project.

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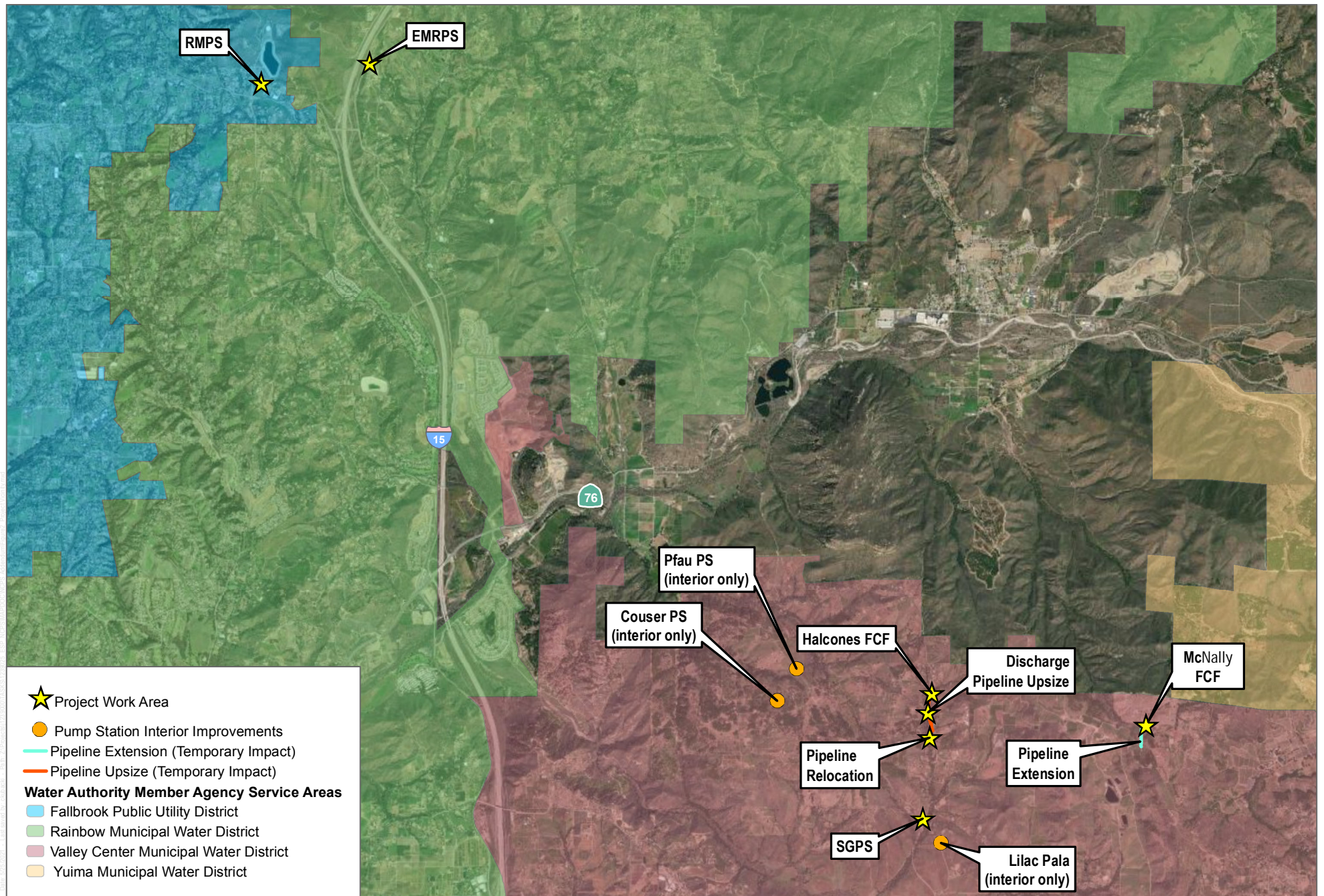
This is to advise that the (☐ Lead Agency or ☒ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project as a Responsible Agency on August 16, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project [ <input type="checkbox"/> will <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will not] have a significant effect on the environment beyond that already identified in the previously certified EIR.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An Addendum to a previously certified Environmental Impact Report (SCH #93011028) was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Responsible Agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures, identified in the previously certified EIR, [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> were <input type="checkbox"/> were not ] made a condition of the approval of the project.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was <input type="checkbox"/> was not] adopted for the originally approved project.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was <input type="checkbox"/> was not] adopted for the originally approved project.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Findings pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 relating to subsequent environmental review [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> were <input type="checkbox"/> were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
This is to certify that Addendum No. 21, together with the previously certified Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to General Public at:	
Custodian: Wally Grabbe, PE	Location: Valley Center Municipal Water District 29300 Valley Center Road Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 735-4558

Date: August 17, 2021	
	Signature
	Name: Wally Grabbe
Title: District Engineer	
Date Received for Filing: Click or tap to enter a date.	

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SOURCE: ESRI 2014; SDCWA 2011; SANGIS 2018; AECOM 2019

**FIGURE 2**

Project Vicinity

Addendum No. 21 to the ESP Final EIR/EIS