

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water
Monterey District Office
1 Lower Ragsdale Dr., Bldg 1, Ste 120
Monterey, CA 93940

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

SCH#: 2006072018

WATER SYSTEM #: 4410017

LEAD AGENCY: Soquel Creek Water District
LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Ron Duncan
LEAD AGENCY PHONE NUMBER: (831) 475-8500

PROJECT TITLE: Soquel Creek Water District Well Master Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of Soquel Drive, Capitola, Santa Cruz County

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The California Department of Public Health (Department), as the Responsible Agency, will be issuing a water supply permit to operate to Soquel Creek Water District (SqCWD). The proposed project is to implement the Well Master Plan (WMP) project to improve redundancy and flexibility in the SqCWD's water production and distribution system while redistributing pumping away from coastal and depressed groundwater areas. The WMP proposes a phased approach for adding five groundwater production wells to the SqCWD system. The WMP also proposes converting an existing irrigation well at Polo Grounds Regional park to a municipal well. Auxiliary improvements related to the five proposed wells include new pipelines and water treatment facilities. The SqCWD also proposed to abandon and destroy one deteriorating production well and remove two existing production wells from service and maintain those wells as inactive wells. Implantation of the WMP would not increase ground water pumping, but would allow SQCWD to redistribute groundwater pumping to achieve more uniform drawdown, reduce susceptibility to seawater intrusion, and minimize localized pumping depression. Implementation of the WMP would likely occur over a five-year period, with one new well constructed each year.

This is to advise that the State Water Board – Division of Drinking Water has issued a water supply amendment number 14 for the Granite Way Well project on **February 4, 2020**, and has made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project will have significant effects on the environment.
2. A Draft Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provision of CEQA.
3. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
4. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the record of permit issuance for the project is available to the General Public at the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management at the Department's Field Office noted above. The Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency. The State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Drinking Water is a "Responsible Agency" for this project and is not responsible for the Department of Fish and Game filing fees.

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Date: 2/5/2020

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