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From:

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Lead Agency
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2006101004

Project Title: California American (CalAm) Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2018-027-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The project includes activities at multiple locations for the installation of pipelines and construction of facilities within unincorporated areas of northern Monterey County, in the town of Castroville, and in the City of Marina.

Project Description: The Project includes activities that are part of the larger Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, to expand existing infrastructure expansion and install a seawater desalination plant and associated infrastructure, to produce, transfer, and store desalinated water and convey it to California American Water customers via an existing distribution system. The Project involves the installation of a desalination plant, associated pipelines, and two Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) wells. Project activities encompass a total of 54.57 acres.

The Project will permanently remove 14.746 acres and temporarily impact 34.681 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) (CTS) upland habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of CTS, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 12/19/19 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
 2. An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
 3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

Signature 

Date: 12/19/19

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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