Notice of Determination Appendix D

TO: Office of Planning and Research

CEQA Submit

FROM: California Water Commission (Commission)

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

State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2015022067

Project Title: Harvest Water Program (Water Storage Investment Program Funding Award)

Project Applicant: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San)

Lead Agency/Address: Regional San, 10060 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

Lead Agency Contact Person: Gayleen Darting, (916) 875-6425

Project Location/City/County: The Project is generally located throughout the City of Elk Grove and unincorporated areas of southwestern Sacramento County, State of California.

Project Description: Approval of Funding Award under the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) to Regional San for the Harvest Water Program, for costs associated with providing public benefits: The Program, is a conjunctive use project to store and manage groundwater while improving stream flow, enhancing groundwater-dependent ecosystems, sustaining agricultural lands, and improving regional water supply reliability. Regional San would provide the water source for the Program of up to 50,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of Title 22 tertiary-treated recycled water. Water produced from the Program would be used to irrigate approximately 16,000 acres of agricultural lands in Sacramento County near the lower Cosumnes River and Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. The Program water deliveries for irrigation of agricultural and habitat lands serves as an in-lieu groundwater recharge source. Recycled water use, in lieu of groundwater pumping, will increase groundwater elevations in the Program area, which in turn are anticipated to increase flows in the Cosumnes River and support groundwater-dependent wetland and riparian habitats.

This is to advise that the Commission, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project as part of the Water Storage Investment Program on **June 21**, **2023**, for a total award amount of \$291,841,209.

The Commission has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project $[\square \text{ will } / \boxtimes \text{ will not}]$ have significant effects on the environment.
- 2. [\boxtimes An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / \square A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the project.
- 3. Additional mitigation measures [□ were / ⋈ were not] made a condition of the Commission's approval of the project.
- 4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by the Commission for this project
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [\square was / \boxtimes was not] adopted by the Commission for this project.
- 6. Findings [⋈ were / □ were not] made by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: The Final EIR, prepared by Regional San, is available to the public at their office listed above. The Commission's record of project approval is available at the Commission's office.

 Joseph Yun
 6/22/2023

 Signature
 Joseph Yun, Executive Officer
 Date

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.