

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

**TO:**  
Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SCH #:** 201612045

**PROJECT #:** FFAST PIN: 42545

**PROJECT TITLE:** Pure Water Soquel: Groundwater Replenishment and Seawater Intrusion Prevention Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola and unincorporated Santa Cruz County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP) and Seawater Intrusion Control (SWIC) Loan Program are financing the Project. The Project includes two major components (1) injection and conveyance system and (2) treatment facilities. The injection and conveyance system include three injection wells; six monitoring wells; several pipelines totaling approximately 70,700 linear feet; and pump stations for conveyance. The treatment facilities will include a recycled water (tertiary treatment) facility to treat secondary-treated flows from the City of Santa Cruz Wastewater Treatment Facility and an advanced water purification facility to create purified water for injection.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved the Proposition 1 GWGP and SWIC financing for the Project described above on November 19, 2019. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

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**LEAD AGENCY:** Soquel Creek Water District  
**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Melanie Mow Schumacher  
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A record of financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 17th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

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