

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santa Cruz County Clerk 701 Ocean Street, Room 520 Santa Cruz, CA 95060	FROM:	Soquel Creek Water District 5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, CA 95073 (Lead Agency)
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TO:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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Project Title: Land Lease Agreement Between Soquel Creek Water District and City of Santa Cruz To Locate and Construct a Tertiary Treatment Component of the Pure Water Soquel Project at the City of Santa Cruz Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility

Project Applicant: Soquel Creek Water District

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): 110 California St., Santa Cruz, California 95060

Project Location (City and/or County): City of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County

Project Description:

On December 18, 2018, the Soquel Creek Water District (District) certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopted Findings of Fact (including a Statement of Overriding Considerations with regard to the significant and potentially significant impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level of less than significant, despite the imposition of mitigation measures) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and approved the Pure Water Soquel: Groundwater Replenishment and Seawater Intrusion Prevention Project (Project). The Project will supplement natural recharge of the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin with purified water. The purified water will be produced from existing secondary effluent from the Santa Cruz Wastewater Treatment Facility (SC WWTF) and delivered to treatment facilities located in either the City of Santa Cruz or unincorporated Santa Cruz County. Purified water will then be used to recharge the aquifer. As part of the Project, the District evaluated several designs for the Project and worked with the City of Santa Cruz to conclude that siting the tertiary treatment facility component of the Project at SC WWTF would be in the best interest of both parties. (See, e.g., Draft EIR, pp. 3-8 through 3-19.) On April 16, 2019, the District Board of Directors approved the District's construction of the tertiary treatment facility at SC WWTF and the construction of the advanced water purification treatment facility offsite.

On November 17, 2020, the District adopted an Addendum to the previously certified Project EIR, which included analysis of certain Project modifications including several required treatment process and facility layout refinements to the tertiary treatment facility at the SC WWTF. The Addendum determined that neither the Project modifications, nor any changes in circumstances surrounding the Project, will result in any new significant impact, or substantially increase the severity of an impact identified in the 2018 EIR. The Addendum further determined that no new mitigation is required beyond those measures in the adopted MMRP.

The District and the City of Santa Cruz developed a land lease agreement, whereby the City of Santa Cruz will lease a portion of the SC WWTF to the District, for the siting of the tertiary treatment facility at SC WWTF. On December 1, 2020, the District Board of Directors approved the land lease agreement. No new or more severe impacts have been identified requiring environmental review of this action.

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.

Soquel Creek Water District
City of Santa Cruz

This is to advise that the (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has taken the above described action with respect to the project on December 1, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	As analyzed in the previously certified EIR and subsequent Addendum, the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project will NOT have a significant effect on the environment
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An EIR and Addendum were prepared and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead 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.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures, identified in the previously certified EIR, were made a condition of the approval of the project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were NOT made a condition of the approval of the project.
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was adopted for the originally approved project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was NOT adopted for this project.
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was originally adopted for this project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was NOT adopted for this project
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Findings were NOT made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Addendum, together with the previously certified Final EIR, are available to General Public at: Soquel Creek Water District Office, 5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel CA 95071 .

Date: <u>12/2/2020</u>	<u>Melanie Mow</u> Signature Name: <u>Melanie Mow Schumacher</u> Title: <u>Special Projects - Comm. Manager</u>
Date Received for Filing: _____	

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.