Notice of Public Review and Intent to Adopt an Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2017081049) (State Guidelines §15072)

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Subject: Notice of Public Review and Intent to Adopt an Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2017081049) in Compliance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Applicant: South Coast Water District. Project Location: Stonehill Dr. and Monarch Beach Dr. in Dana Point, CA

Proposed Project: Modifications to the Design of Capital Improvement Project RW- 101 of the South Coast Water District ("District") Infrastructure Master Plan (IMP) Update for Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The District prepared an IMP Update to provide a comprehensive CIP for the District. The IMP Update details planned improvements to water distribution, wastewater, and recycled water infrastructure in the District and identifies existing and potential system deficiencies in the District's infrastructure that will need to be addressed. The CIP includes planned projects in four phases to be completed to remedy the infrastructure issues identified in the IMP. On October 12, 2017, the District Board certified an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the IMP Update was adopted in Accordance with CEQA.

District staff has begun implementing the planned CI Projects that were described in the IMP Update. One of the recycled water system projects (RW-101) has undergone some additional engineering and design review, resulting in modifications that would better optimize the District's existing recycled water distribution system. The District prepared an addendum to the IS/MND which was Certified by the Board of Directors on July 26, 2018, however, as allowed by CEQA Guidelines §15164, the Addendum was not circulated for public review and comment at that time. The District now desires to circulate the Addendum for public review and comment and conduct a public meeting to review the Addendum as described below.

Potential Environmental Effects: An Addendum to the certified IS/MND was prepared to analyze the potential differences between the impacts identified in the MND for the originally described CI Project RW-101. As described in the Addendum, there are no new significant impacts resulting from the modified design, nor are there any substantial increases in the severity of any previously identified environmental impacts. The potential impacts associated with the modified design would either be the same or less than the anticipated levels described in the previously adopted MND. No changes or additions are needed to the previously adopted MMRP.

Public Review: The District's Board of Directors will hold a public meeting to be held on November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Coast Water District Administrative Office, 31592 West Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. Comments from members of the public or other interested parties on the Addendum will be received by the District from October 7, 2021 through November 8, 2021. Written comments should be directed to the contact person listed below. The signature below certifies that the Addendum to the certified IS/MND is available to the public online at https://www.scwd.org/depts/engineering/projects/water supply projects/default.htm.

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