

## COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Notice of Determination for the State Water Project Water Supply
Amendments for Water Management Final Environmental Impact Report

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the subject project; and is therefore, filing with your agency, the Notice of Determination (NOD).

## Enclosed for filing are:

- Two (2) copies of the NOD for the subject project;
- Self-addressed, stamped-envelope for your use in returning the stamped NOD;
- Check for the County filing fees (as applicable), and a copy of the paid fees for Fish & Game Code sections 711.4 and 713 by the CEQA Lead Agency (State Water Contractors)

Sincerely,

Sylvia Bermudez
Clerk of the Board

Enclosures\as

File: 0644.101, 0644.102

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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812

<u>Subject</u>: Filing of the Notice of Determination for a Responsible Agency's consideration of a previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the water supply amendments for water management with the California Department of Water Resources

<u>Project Title</u>: State Water Project Water Supply Amendments for Water Management (State Clearinghouse Number 2018072033)

<u>Lead Agency:</u> California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

David Rizzardo, P.E.: phone: (916) 653-9593

1416 Ninth Street

Sacramento, California 95814

Responsible Agency: Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)

Ivory Reyburn, Water Program Manager; phone: (760) 398-2651

75-515 Hovley Lane East Palm Desert, CA 92211

<u>Project Location</u>: No specific physical location, although the Final EIR prepared by the DWR reviewed State Water Project Facilities and Service Area throughout the State of California. CVWD is a State Water Project Contractor and its service area is located within portions of the counties of Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego.

<u>Project Description</u>: The proposed project would add, delete, and modify provisions of the contracts and clarify certain terms of the contracts that will provide greater water management regarding transfers and exchanges of SWP water within the SWP service area. The proposed project would not build new or modify existing SWP facilities nor change any of the Public Water Agencies (PWAs) annual Table A amounts. The proposed project would not change the water supply delivered by the SWP, as SWP water would continue to be delivered to the PWAs consistent with current SWP Water Supply Contract terms and all regulatory requirements.

On August 27, 2020, the DWR, as the CEQA Lead Agency, filed a Notice of Determination concluding that the Final EIR was prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and that the Water Supply Amendments for Water Management will have a significant effect on the environment.

Notice of Determination (continued)

A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project and Findings were made for the project. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for the project.

This Notice of Determination is filed in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21152 and State CEQA Guidelines §15096.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that CVWD's Board of Directors, acting in its limited capacity as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, considered and approved the above described Final EIR at a noticed, public meeting on October 27, 2020. In addition, CVWD's Board of Directors made the following determinations:

- 1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. The Final EIR <u>was</u> previously certified for the Water Supply Amendments for Water Management pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, and no new environmental documentation is necessary under State CEQA Guidelines §15162.
- 3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was not adopted for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project.
- 6. Responsible Agency Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the documents which comprise the Responsible Agency's record of proceedings for the Water Supply Amendments for Water Management are available to the public during normal business hours at CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building, located at 75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, California 92211.

Date: October 28, 2020

Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board Coachella Valley Water District

File: 0644.101; 0644.102; 0644.105; 0644.109072; 0644.301; 0644.302

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