

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814 **From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California** 700 North Alameda Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Colorado River Aqueduct Master Reclamation Plan for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency/Applicant Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension
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Project Location (include county):

The Project Area is comprised of borrow sites along an approximately 125-mile stretch of the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) right-of-way in unincorporated San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (see Location Maps).

Project Description: The proposed Project consists of the adoption of a Master Reclamation Plan (MRP) for the future reclamation of 14 active borrow sites located in San Bernardino and Riverside counties pursuant to the requirements of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA). Reclamation is not expected to occur until Metropolitan no longer needs to use the borrow sites. Current anticipated operation and maintenance of the CRA would require continued use of the borrow sites for approximately 100 years, with material depletion at the majority of the borrow sites conservatively assumed to occur by 2122, at which point reclamation activities would commence. Timing of this would be different for each site. Proposed reclamation activities would generally consist of removing deleterious materials and debris, recontouring borrow site slopes and floors, installing stormwater best management practices, and revegetating reclaimed areas with a native hydroseed mix. The final end use of each borrow site would be revegetated open space consistent with the surrounding environment. Following reclamation, a monitoring program as required by SMARA would be implemented.

This is to advise that The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California as a Lead Agency under CEQA has approved the above-described project on February 13, 2023 and has adopted the following determinations:

- 1. The project [] will 🗹 will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. If A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation measures [🗹 were 🗆 were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A Mitigation Monitoring Report or Monitoring Plan [🗹 was 🗆 was not] adopted for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] made a condition of the approved of the project.
- 6. Findings [\Box were ∇ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This MND is on file at Metropolitan's headquarters at 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Signature:

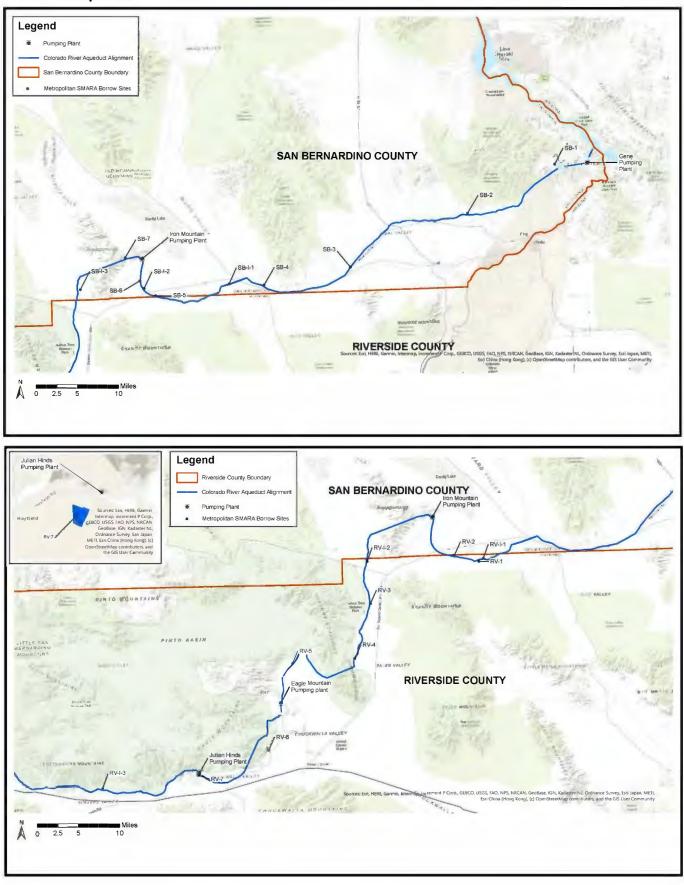
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Location Maps