
State Water Resources Control Board

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency CEQA Document Consideration, Adoption, and Determination

Project Information

CEQA Document Title: Rolling Hills Water Meter Project (Project).

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

Applicant: Bakman Water Company (Applicant)

Project Number: 2010009-003C

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022100226

Project Location: The Project site consists principally of the Rolling Hills unincorporated community within Madera County.

Project Description: The Applicant is proposing to construct approximately 2,750 linear feet of 12-inch Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water main in Avenue 11, and 2,750 linear feet of 8-inch PVC water main in Mountain View Drive and Adobe Way. The alignment of this water main will be located within the County right-of-way. Any existing water main in Avenue 11 will be abandoned in place. Additionally, new water meters and meter boxes will be installed at 339 properties within the Rolling Hills Water System (RHWS). The improvements will all be incorporated into the existing RHWS, which is currently being fed by three active wells providing safe, clean drinking water.

The Project also includes a full facility refurbishment of the Well No. 2 site, including the well pump and all other well site facilities that have exceeded their life expectancy. The well casing will be sleeved if determined necessary during a well investigation. The Project also includes the addition of cathodic protection to the water storage tank.

The State Water Board is the Lead Agency under CEQA for this Project. The State Water Board, in coordination with the Applicant, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) titled Rolling Hills Water Meter Project for the Project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 6. As the Deputy Director for the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, I have been delegated the authority to approve and execute financing agreements and to perform associated acts for projects that are routine and non-controversial. The authority to adopt the IS/MND and approve the Project necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute financing agreements.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rolling Hills Water Meter Project
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

The IS/MND, including a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (No. 2022100226) for a 30-day public review period beginning October 12, 2022 and ending November 10, 2022. No written comments were received during the review period.

I have considered the IS/MND, the MMRP and all comments that were received during the public review period. On basis of the whole of the record, I find that:

- The IS/MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the State Water Board Staff.
- The IS/MND and the MMRP for the Project are prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 6.
- There is no substantial evidence in the record before me that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
- Mitigation measures are made a condition of approval for the Project. The IS/MND and MMRP include mitigation measures for biological resources, that mitigate potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels for these impact categories.

Based on the foregoing, I have determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and adopt the IS/MND and MMRP pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 6, section 15074 and approve the Project. The Applicant will be responsible for carrying out the Project and implementing the MMRP.

This action to approve the Project does not constitute an approval of financial assistance/financing, which will require the execution of a financial assistance/financing agreement.

A final copy of the IS/MND, the MMRP, comments and responses and the record of approval for the Project are available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento CA 95814.

Joe Karkoski, Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance