

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination

Kernvale Mutual Water Company (Applicant)
Erskine Creek Water Company and Kernvale Mutual Water Company Consolidation
Water Project (Project)
DWSRF Project Number: P84C-1500364-001C

As the Deputy Director for the State Water Resources Control Board (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 make this CEQA determination necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute financing agreements.

The State Water Board is the CEQA Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project referred to as Erskine Creek Water Company and Kernvale Mutual Water Company Consolidation Water Project which was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (No. 2021010167) for review and comments. The State Water Board adopted the MND and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on March 16, 2021.

The State Water Board has considered the MND, MMRP and comments received, and pursuant to my delegated authority, I make the following determinations regarding the Project:

- a. The MND and MMRP include mitigation measures for air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and wildfire, that mitigate potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels for these impact categories.
- b. Mitigation measures are made a condition of approval for the Project.
- c. There is no substantial evidence in the records before me that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Based on the foregoing, I approve the Project. 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. The Applicant will be responsible for carrying out the Project and implementing the MMRP.

A final copy of the MND, MMRP, comments and response, 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.

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