

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination

Locke Water Works Company (Applicant)
Locke Water System Intertie w/ SCWA (Project)
Project Number: 3400138-001C

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 the financing agreement for projects that are routine and non-controversial. The execution of the financing agreement is an action that is subject to CEQA. The authority to make this CEQA determination necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute the financing agreement for this Project.

1. The State Water Board is the CEQA Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project which was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), State Clearinghouse (No. 2020019087) for review and comments. The State Water Board adopted the MND and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on July 28, 2020. Upon approval of the Project's financing agreement a Notice of Determination will be filed with the OPR.
2. The State Water Board has independently considered the MND and MMRP, and pursuant to my delegated authority, I make the following determinations regarding the Project:
 - The MND and MMRP include mitigation measure(s) for Biological Resources and Cultural Resources that mitigate potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels for these impact categories. Because of mitigation measures identified herein and in the MND and MMRP, the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

A final copy of the MND, MMRP, comments and responses, and record of financing 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.

2/28/2023

Joe Karkoski, Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance

Date