

Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA)  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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SUBJECT: Filing Notice of Determination (NOD) in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code

2017-0104

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013051094 (Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project EIR)

Contact Person: Alison Imamura, Associate Engineer Phone Number: 831 883-6176

Project Title: Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Expanded Capacity Advanced Water Treatment/Purification Facility and Shared Conveyance Facilities Project Modifications\*

\*Note: The Advanced Water Treatment (or AWT) Facility may also referred to as the Advanced Water Purification Facility (or AWPF) in project documentation. The terms are interchangeable.

Project Location: The approved Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment (PWM/GWR) Project is located within Northern Monterey County and in the Cities of Marina, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, and Pacific Grove. The treatment, storage and conveyance facilities are shown on the attached map (Attachment 1). All project components are located in the County of Monterey.

Project Description: The Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency ("MRWPCA")<sup>1</sup> on October 8, 2015, approved the PWM/GWR Project per Resolution 2015-24, which included, among other project components, an Advanced Water Treatment Facility and the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project (RUWAP) alignment for the product water conveyance system, and certified the Environmental Impact Report (PWM/GWR EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2013051094). The approved PWM/GWR Project includes a 4 million gallon per day (mgd) capacity Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWT Facility) that is currently under construction. The purified recycled water will be conveyed for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin using a series of shallow and deep injection wells. Once injected, the purified recycled water will augment existing groundwater supplies and provide 3,500 acre-feet per year (AFY) for extraction by California American Water Company (CalAm) as well as 200 AFY for drought reserve. The extracted water will be delivered to CalAm customers to offset use of water from the Carmel River system. The project also provides additional recycled water for crop irrigation by the existing Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project.

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<sup>1</sup> Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency is in the process of a name change to "Monterey One Water"

**The Expanded Capacity Advanced Water Purification/ Treatment Facility and Shared Conveyance Facilities** modifications to the PWM/GWR Project would increase the operational capacity (peak or maximum product water flowrate) of the approved Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) Facility from 4.0 mgd to 5.0 mgd. The AWT Facility capacity expansion would be achieved by using redundancies in the existing AWT Facility design and would enable delivery of 600 AFY of purified recycled water to Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) for urban landscape irrigation by MCWD customers. The additional recycled water delivery is proposed to be a component of the RUWAP, an urban recycled water project developed by MCWD. The source water for the capacity expansion would come entirely from MCWD's rights to the return of its municipal wastewater. The modified project would allow (shared) use of product water storage and conveyance facilities, including Blackhorse Reservoir, with MCWD for the RUWAP and the PWM/GWR Projects.

**Determination.** The MRWPCA Board of Directors certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the PWM/GWR Project and approved that project on October 8, 2015. A NOD for the PWM/GWR EIR was filed on October 8, 2015 (see **Attachment 2**). The MRWPCA Board of Directors made the following determinations regarding the PWM/GWR Project:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to advise that, on **October 30, 2017**, the MRWPCA Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2017-33 which, contingent upon approval of an agreement with Marina Coast Water District that establishes a mutually agreeable cost sharing method for the AWT Facility capacity and joint pipeline for recycled water conveyance: (1) approved Addendum No. 3 to the PWM/GWR EIR entitled "Advanced Water Treatment Facility Expanded Capacity Project Modifications Addendum to the PWM/GWR EIR" (October 24, 2017), and (2) approved project modifications and expanded capacity of the AWT Facility and shared use of the Product Water Conveyance Facilities, including:

- Operation of the AWT Facility at a peak capacity of up to 5.0 mgd to provide up to 600 AFY purified recycled water to MCWD for urban irrigation and
- Shared use of product water conveyance facilities (including Blackhorse Reservoir and pipelines) with MCWD that may include delivery of purified recycled water to urban irrigation customers as part of the RUWAP.

Based on the analysis in Addendum No. 3, no subsequent or supplemental EIR is required for approval of the Expanded Capacity Advanced Water Treatment/ Purification Facility and Shared Conveyance Facilities Project Modifications because:

1. The proposed project modifications will not require major revisions of the certified PWM/GWR EIR because the project modifications will not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental effects;

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and the two names should be considered interchangeable for the purpose of this Notice of Determination.

2. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous certified PWM/GWR EIR due to the involvement of new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental effects;

3. No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete, shows any of the following:

a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous certified PWM/GWR EIR;

b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous certified PWM/GWR EIR;

c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative;

d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are substantially different from those analyzed in the previous certified PWM/GWR EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

This is to certify that the Final PWM/GWR Project EIR, and the Addendum No. 3, and record of project approvals are available to the general public at the MRWPCA Offices, 5 Harris Ct # D, Monterey, CA 93940.

Signature:  Date: October 30, 2017  
Alison Imamura, MRWPCA

Date Received for Filing (OPR): \_\_\_\_\_

Per California Code of Regulation 14, § 753.5 (e)(3), this Notice of Determination filing is not subject to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) environmental document fee. 14 CCR § 753.5 (e)(3) stipulates that only one fee is required when an existing certified EIR is used for multiple project approvals that would result in no additional effect to fish and wildlife. This Notice of Determination for the project approval described herein does not require the CDFW fee because the approval relied upon the PWM/GWR Project EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2013051094). The NOD for the PWM/GWR Project EIR was filed on October 8, 2015, and the California Fish and Wildlife environmental document fees were paid at those times. See attached stamped Notice of Determination and the receipt of fees paid.



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LEAD AGENCY MONTEREY REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/31/2017
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Monterey	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2017-0104	

PROJECT TITLE  
 PURE WATER MONTEREY GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT EXPANDED CAPACITY ADVANCED WATER TREATMENT/PURIFICATION FACILITY AND SHARED CONVEYANCE FACILITIES PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CONTACT: ALISON IMAMURA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (831) 883-6176
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,078.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,216.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,046.50	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

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