

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022070069

PROJECT NUMBER: 1206002-001C

PROJECT TITLE: Palomino Estates Water System Improvements (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of Palomino Way and East Branch Road, Humboldt County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The Palomino Estates Water Company has applied for financing of the Project through the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. The Project would implement water treatment, storage and distribution improvements to the existing community of Palomino Estates. Project elements would occur within existing right of way or replace existing facilities.

An Addendum to the MND (Addendum) for the Project was prepared to assess potential environmental impacts associated with the application and issuance of an appropriative water right. A subsequent or supplemental MND was not needed as only minor technical changes were made to the project scope.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board approved an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Project described above on February 28, 2023. The Palomino Estates Mutual Water Company will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. An Addendum was included with the final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Robyn Mendoza

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A record of Project approval and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration 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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