
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: Arsenic Exceedance-Remediation (Project)

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

Applicant: Mettler Valley Mutual Water Company (Applicant)

Project Number: 1900100-003P **State Clearinghouse Number:** 2024110468

Project Location: 28115 West Avenue C-6; Los Angeles County

Project Description: The Project includes drilling a new well near the existing Well No. 2, destruction of the existing Well No. 2 and construction of an arsenic treatment facility with a footprint of approximately 30 feet x 30 feet with solar power panels installed on the building's roof. Approximately 300 feet of six inch polyvinyl chloride transmission pipeline will be installed to deliver water from the proposed well to the treatment building. The Project would replace Well No. 1 pump and motor, underground the onsite electrical lines, install new electrical panels, and remove the structure covering the existing electrical equipment. Four aging tanks will be removed and replaced with two new 146,500-gallon bolted steel tanks.

The State Water Board is the Lead Agency under the CEQA for this Project. The State Water Board, in coordination with the Applicant, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) titled Arsenic Exceedance-Remediation 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 MND and approve the Project necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute financing agreements.

A Notice of Intent to Adopt the MND was posted at the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), State Clearinghouse, the State Water Board website and the local newspaper on November 14, 2024. The MND, including the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), was circulated through the LCI, State Clearinghouse (No. 2024110468) for a 30-day public review period beginning November 14, 2024 and ending December 13, 2024. One written comment was

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received during the public review period from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding transportation. Caltrans discussed the review and approval of encroachment permits for the anticipated work into State Route 138 Right-of-Way, recommended limiting construction traffic to off-peak hours, permits for heavy construction vehicles and a construction traffic control plan if issues to state facilities are expected. The comment was addressed, and no other significant issues were raised during the public review period.

I have considered the 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 MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the State Water Board.
- The 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 MND and the MMRP include mitigation measures for air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural 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 MND and the 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 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.

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