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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

Public Agency: United Water Conservation District
Address: 1701 North Lombard Street, Suite 206
Oxnard, California 93030
Contact: Hannah Garcia-Wickstrum
Phone: 805-525-4431

Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address:

Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2024071176

Project Title: Groundwater Recharge Capacity Expansion Project - Ferro Recharge

Project Applicant: United Water Conservation District

Project Location (include county): unincorporated Ventura County

Project Description:

United Water Conservation District (United) operates and maintains approximately 600 acres of groundwater recharge basins, which are used to percolate water and recharge groundwater supplies with Santa Clara River water diverted at the Freeman Diversion. In previous years when conditions were dry with less precipitation, United did not have a need for additional groundwater recharge capacity as its current basins were sufficient to recharge the allowable amount of water United is permitted to divert from the Santa Clara River. However, with wetter conditions and above average precipitation occurring over the last two years, an opportunity exists to recharge additional surface water within the allowable diversion amounts. The Noble Basin and Ferro Basin, located along Vineyard Avenue, are among the groundwater recharge basins United operates. The Ferro Basin is not currently connected to United's diversion and recharge infrastructure and, as such, cannot be used for artificial groundwater recharge. United proposes to construct an undercrossing beneath Vineyard Avenue and install pipelines to connect the Ferro Basin to the Noble Basin, which would enable the conveyance of water to the Ferro Basin for artificial groundwater recharge. United estimates connecting the basins would, on average over time, provide capacity for an additional 2,000 to 3,000 acre-feet of groundwater recharge per year. Project construction would occur over approximately six to eight months, and would start as early as July 2025; however, in the event of project delays, United would delay construction to begin as late as June 2027. Construction activities would generally occur from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; trenchless pipeline installation may require constant (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) construction activities. The proposed pipeline would be installed via open cut trench on either side of Vineyard Avenue, and via trenchless methods underneath Vineyard Avenue in accordance with California Department of Transportation requirements. The project would also involve grading and contouring of the embankments along the pipeline alignment and in the Ferro Basin to facilitate recharge.

This is to advise that the United Water Conservation District has approved the above
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on October 9, 2024 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

1701 North Lombard Street,, Oxnard, California 93030 or https://www.unitedwater.org/key-documents/#ceqa

Signature (Public Agency): Marissa Caringella Digitally signed by Marissa Caringella Date: 2024.10.10 09:18:42 -07'00' Title: Environmental Services Manager

Date: October 9, 2024 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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