

ATTACHMENT B – CEQA ADDENDUM

1) California Environmental Quality Act

The Water Board is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*) (CEQA). This Conditional Waiver involves the renewal of the 2011 Waiver for existing Grazing Operations. It does not authorize expansion of use beyond the scope of the 2011 Waiver.

The Water Board adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the 2011 Waiver on September 14, 2011. This renewed Conditional Waiver does not expand or restrict the scope of coverage, nor does it authorize expansion of Grazing Operations or the geographic area covered by this Order.

Concurrent with this Order, the Water Board is adopting an addendum to the 2011 MND pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15164. The addendum, included in Attachment B, concludes that, in accordance with Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15162, 15164 a subsequent MND is not necessary for the Order for the following reasons:

- a. This Order renewal makes only minor technical changes and additions to the 2011 Waiver;
- b. There have been no changes in the scope or applicability of the Conditional Waiver or its requirements that would result in new significant environmental effects or increases in the severity of previously identified less-than-significant effects;
- c. There have been no known physical changes on Grazing Lands or at Grazing Operation that have caused significant new environmental effects or increased the severity of previously identified less-than-significant environmental effects, such as would require major revisions of the previous MND; and,
- d. No new information of substantial importance has emerged since the MND was adopted that would affect the conclusions of the MND.

For these reasons, the Water Board relies on the previous mitigated negative declaration and the current addendum and finds that the conditions of this Conditional Waiver will avoid any significant environmental effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur. There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the Order, as conditioned, may have a significant effect on the environment.