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A. Environmental Review

On March 28, 2017, the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, as lead agency, adopted an initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2017021032) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on March 28, 2017. The State Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's adopted environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21167.3.) The State Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District addresses the Project's water resource impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental document includes the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) (described in the table of Avoidance and Minimization Measures) developed by the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District for all mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15074, subd. (d).)

B. Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to CEQA, these Findings of Facts (Findings) support the issuance of this Order based on the Project IS/MND, the application for this Order, and other supplemental documentation, including the supporting application materials submitted by the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District for the certification.

All CEQA project impacts, including those discussed in subsection C below, are analyzed in detail in the Project Final IS/MND which is incorporated herein by reference. The Project Final IS/MND is available at: 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

Requirements under the purview of the State Water Board in the Project Final IS/MND are incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, is incorporated herein by reference.

C. Findings

The Project Final IS/MND identified no potentially significant effects to water resources.

D. Determination

The State Water Board has determined that the Project, when implemented in accordance with the MMRP and the conditions in this Order, will not result in any significant adverse water resource impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd (h).) The State Water Board will file a NOD with the SCH within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (i).)