## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination

Golden State Water Company-South Arcadia (Applicant)
Water System Number: 1910212
Jeffries Tank and Plant Improvements (Project)

As the District Engineer for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Drinking Water, I have been delegated the authority to approve water supply permits and designs. Permit approval and other discretionary approvals that may occur prior to permit approval are actions that are subject to CEQA. The authority to make this CEQA determination necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve the Project. I hereby find the following:

- The State Water Board is the CEQA Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project which was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), State Clearinghouse (No. 2022070277) for review and comments. The State Water Board adopted the MND and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and approved the Project on 9/13/2022.
- 2. The State Water Board has independently considered the MND and MMRP, and pursuant to my delegated authority, I make the following determinations regarding the Project:
  - The MND and MMRP include mitigation measure(s) for nesting birds and construction noise that mitigate potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels for these impact categories. Because of mitigation measures identified herein and in the MND and MMRP, the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

A final copy of the MND, MMRP, comments and responses, and record of design approval for the Project are available to the general public at the Hollywood District Office of the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water.

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Dmitriy Ginzburg, P.E., District Engineer	Date
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