



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: Jubilee Mutual Water Company/Gordon Acres Consolidation Project (Project)- Addendum

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

Applicant: Jubilee Mutual Water Company (Applicant)

Project Number: 3600139-001C

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019029128

Project Location: Lucerne Valley in the vicinity of Camp Rock Road, San Bernardino County

Project Description: The Applicant is proposing to construct a new distribution system consisting of 13,800 linear feet of new distribution pipelines and appurtenances, the rehabilitation of the Dido Well, the destruction of the Houston Well, the consolidation of the Gordon Acres Mutual Water Company (GAWC) and Jubilee Mutual Water Company (JMWC) including installation of transmission pipeline from JMWC's existing distribution system to GAWC's service area, construction of a new storage tank site with two new 70,000 gallon tanks, replacement of JMWC's Well No. 4, and various other improvements to allow customers of GAWC to achieve compliance with drinking water standards.

The State Water Board is the Lead Agency under CEQA for this Project. The State Water Board prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project referred to as Jubilee Mutual Water Company/Gordon Acres Consolidation Project which was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (No. 2019029128) for review and comments. The State Water Board adopted the MND and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on May 24, 2019. The State Water Board executed a financing agreement for the Project on February 24, 2021 (Agreement No. SWRCB 000000000D2002009) (Financing Agreement). The Applicant seeks an amendment to the Financing Agreement.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

An Addendum to the MND (Addendum) for the Project was prepared in August 2023, to address a modified location of the proposed replacement well. A subsequent or supplemental CEQA document under CEQA Guidelines, sections 15162 and 15163 was not needed as only minor technical changes were made to the project scope.

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 Addendum and approve the Project necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute financing agreements.

I have considered the Addendum pursuant to my delegated authority. On basis of the whole of the record, I find that:

- The Addendum reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the State Water Board.
- The Addendum for the Project was prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 11, Section 15164.
- 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 MMRP include mitigation measures for Tribal Cultural Resources and Biological Resources that mitigate potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels for these impact categories.
- There have been no substantial changes proposed in the Project that would require major revisions of the previous MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- There have been no substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- There has been no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the MND was adopted that shows any of the following:
 - The Project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous MND;
 - Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous MND;
 - Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the Project, but the Project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or

more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

- No change in mitigation measures is required as a result of the change in scope.

Based on the foregoing, I have determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and adopt the Addendum pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 11, section 15164 and approve the Project. The Applicant will be responsible for carrying out the Project.

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 Addendum 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.

Signature: *Signature on file*
Joe Karkoski, Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance