California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination

Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation (Applicant) St. Anthony On-site Sewer and Water Distribution System CWSRF Project Number: C-06-8006-110 DWSRF Project Number: 3301380-001C Stormwater Project Number: D2112159

As the Deputy Director for the State Water Resources Control Board (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 make this CEQA determination necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute financing agreements.

The State Water Board is the CEQA Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project referred to as St. Anthony On-site Sewer and Water Distribution System Project which was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (No. 2020059023) for review and comments. The State Water Board adopted the MND and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on October 19, 2020.

Though the project title identified in the MND/MMRP and the October 2020 adoption document references only a singular project (the St. Anthony On-site Sewer and Water Distribution System Project), the MND and MMRP expressly applies to the new on-site sewer, water, and stormwater systems the Applicant is proposing to construct through three separate project applications with the project numbers noted above. For purposes of this CEQA Determination, the term "Project" as used herein applies to all three of these projects.

The State Water Board has considered the MND, MMRP and comments received, and pursuant to my delegated authority, I make the following determinations:

- a. This CEQA Determination applies to all three projects proposed by the Applicant:
 (1) the St. Anthony On-Site Sewer Project, CWSRF Project No. C-06-8006-110;
 (2) the St. Anthony On-Site Water Distribution System Project, DWSRF Project No. 3301380-001C; and (3) the St. Anthony Stormwater Capture Project, Stormwater Project No. D2112159.
- b. The MND and MMRP include mitigation measures for biological resources and cultural resources that mitigate potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels for these impact categories.
- c. Mitigation measures are made a condition of approval for the Project.
- d. There is no substantial evidence in the records before me that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Based on the foregoing, I approve 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. The Applicant will be responsible for carrying out the Project and implementing the MMRP.

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A final copy of the MND, the MMRP, comments and response, 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 on file

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