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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency Consideration and Adoption**

#### **Project Information**

**Project Title:** Locke Water System Intertie w/ SCWA (Project)

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

**Applicant:** Locke Water Works Company (Applicant)

**DWSRF Project Number:** 3400138-001C **State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020019087

**Project Location:** In the vicinity of Locke and Walnut Grove, Sacramento County, CA

**Project Description:** The Project involves construction of a new drinking water transmission pipeline from the Locke community to the Walnut Grove community. The pipeline would be approximately 4,150 feet in length and would extend from the Sacramento County Water Agency yard in Walnut Grove to a connection point in the Locke Water Works Company distribution system. A pump station will be installed at the Locke Water Works Company connection point. The existing Locke Water Works Company distribution system would continue to be used and the old well would be disconnected from the potable water system.

#### **Adoption of CEQA Document**

The State Water Board is the Lead Agency under CEQA for this Project. The State Water Board, in coordination with the Applicant, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) titled Locke Water Works Company Water Line Intertie Project Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 6. As the Deputy Director for the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, I have been delegated the authority to approve and execute the financing agreement and to perform all acts for projects that are routine and non-controversial. The authority to adopt CEQA documents necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute the financing agreement for this Project.

The IS/MND was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (No. 2020019087) for a 32-day public review period beginning January 31, 2020 and ending March 2, 2020. Six written comment letters were received during the review period, which included the following: One comment letter from the

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, one comment letter from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, one comment letter from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, one comment letter from the Delta Protection Commission, one comment from the Wilton Rancheria, and one comment letter from the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

I have considered the IS/MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). Based on the whole record, I hereby find that there is no substantial evidence in the record before me that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment. The IS/MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the State Water Board staff.

The IS/MND and MMRP for the Project are hereby adopted pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15074. The State Water Board will decide whether to approve and carryout the Project in a separate action.

A final copy of the IS/MND and MMRP 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:   
Leslie S. Laudon, Deputy Director  
Division of Financial Assistance

Date: July 28, 2020