

Notice of Determination

To: X Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

X County Clerk
Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles,
Orange, San Diego, Riverside,
San Bernardino, and Ventura

From: Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD),
Highway 111 at Avenue 52, Coachella, CA 92236

Imperial Irrigation District (IID),
333 East Barioni Blvd., Imperial, CA 92251

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern
California (Metropolitan), 700 North Alameda St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA),
4677 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123

Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title:

Implementation of the Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement

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Project Location:

The project location includes much of Southern California. The region of influence (ROI) comprises the historic floodplain of the Colorado River below Lake Mead and the areas that receive Colorado River water: the IID, CVWD, and Metropolitan service areas, including the SDCWA service area. The service areas include all or part of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties. The ROI also includes the lower Colorado River mainstem and the areas of conveyance and distribution of Colorado River water by these agencies.

Project Description:

The Proposed Project involves a series of water transfers, water exchanges, water conservation measures, and other changes identified in the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA). The QSA is a proposed agreement among CVWD, IID, and Metropolitan to budget their portion of California's apportionment of Colorado River water among themselves and to make water conserved in the IID service area and by lining the Coachella and All American canals available to CVWD, Metropolitan, SDCWA, and others. Implementation of the QSA would not affect the diversion, distribution, and/or use of Colorado River water except within California. Within California, the QSA would only affect the diversion, distribution, and/or use of Colorado River water by the participating agencies. The QSA would not affect the diversion, distribution, and/or use of Colorado River water by other agencies within California that hold rights to Colorado River water.

The QSA quantifies, by agreement, the amount of Colorado River water available to each of the participating agencies and calls for specific changes in the distribution of that water among the agencies for the quantification period. The quantification period extends for up to 75 years, although the QSA anticipates a transition period of approximately 25 years for the full implementation of water conservation/transfers and exchange projects. Many

of the water conservation and transfer components of the QSA would be implemented incrementally over a period of several years.

This is to advise that the co-lead agencies approved the above described project on the following dates: CVWD (September 24, 2003), IID (October 2, 2003), Metropolitan (September 23, 2003), and SDCWA (September 25, 2003), and have made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

CVWD Headquarters Highway 111 at Avenue 52 Coachella, CA 92236	IID Public Information Office 1284 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243	Metropolitan Headquarters 700 North Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012	SDCWA Headquarters 4677 Overland Ave. San Diego, CA 92123
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October 3, 2003

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October 3, 2003

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Metropolitan



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Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Title

Date received for filing and posting at OPR: