
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: Erskine Creek Water Company and Kernvale Mutual Water Company Consolidation Water Project (Project)

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

Applicant: Kernvale Mutual Water Company (Applicant)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021010167

Project Number: P84C-1500364-001C

Project Location: Webb Avenue, Mountain View Road, and Erskine Creek Road, Kern County, CA.

Project Description: The Applicant is proposing to construct the Project in two phases as described below:

Phase I: A new 200,000-gallon water storage tank would be installed on an existing gravel pad within Erskine Creek Water Company property to replace a smaller existing 120,000-gallon tank to meet the demands of the 52 residents and fire flow needs in the area. The new tank would be approximately 48-feet across and 24-feet tall. Approximately 3,550 feet of new 8-inch and 280 feet of 12-inch water pipeline would be installed and connected to the new water tank to provide the 52 residents currently being served by Kernvale Mutual Water Company with clean potable drinking water. Fire hydrants would be placed along Mountain View Road to provide adequate fire flow in the area. A 5,000-gallon hydropneumatics tank would be installed near the new water tank on Erskine Creek Water Company property. Associated infrastructure components would include water meters, fittings, connections, valve boxes, air release valves, shut-off and flushing valves, asphalt and concrete road repair, with minimal vegetation removal consisting of low-lying grasses and one cottonwood tree.

Phase II: An additional pipeline would be installed and run east from the Phase I water pipeline between Kern Valley High School and Woodrow W. Wallace Elementary/Middle School to an existing water tank located across Erskine Creek Road. The existing waterlines would be abandoned in place. One new pump station may be installed in the future on Erskine Creek Water Company property near the new water tank to support the school zone areas.

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

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 Erskine Creek Water Company and Kernvle Mutual Water Company Consolidation Water Project Final Initial Study/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 adopt the IS/MND for this Project.

The IS/MND was circulated through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (No. 2021010167) for a 30-day public review period beginning January 15, 2021 and ending February 16, 2021. No written comments were received during the public review period.

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, division 6, chapter 3, article 6, 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: 3/16/21