RESOLUTION NO. 517

RESOLUTION OF SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of Sunnyslope County Water District ("SCWD") finds as follows:

- A. <u>AUTHORITY</u>. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the County Water District Law, Sections 30000 and following, of the California Water Code, and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), codified at Sections 21000 and following of the Public Resources Code, and the CEQA Guidelines codified at Title 14, Sections 15000 and following of the California Code of Regulations.
- B. <u>PROPOSED ACTION</u>. Sunnyslope County Water District proposes to implement the construction of water well #12 and pipeline for the Sunnyslope County Water District, intended to provide a domestic potable water supply (the "project"). The production rate of the well is anticipated to be approximately 1,400 gallons per minute, and the well would reach 500 feet below ground surface.
- C. <u>PROPONENT</u>. The proponent of this project is Sunnyslope County Water District, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.
- D. <u>INITIAL STUDY</u>. SCWD conducted an Initial Study on the project under CEQA to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impact.
- E. <u>PUBLIC NOTICE GIVEN</u>. After the Initial Study, SCWD gave public notice of intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration by filing a Notice of Intent with the State Clearinghouse on July 20, 2010, for a review period beginning July 20, 2010, and ending August 18, 2010, posting the Notice on and off site in the area affected by the project, and mailing notice to owners of property shown on the latest equalized assessment roll, to owners within 300 feet of the project. The documents and other material which constitute the record of this proceeding are located at the SCWD office at 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, CA 95023. The District's General Manager is the custodian of the records.
- F. <u>MITIGATION</u>. Based on the Initial Study, SCWD proposed mitigation measures, for a potential impact identified in the Initial Study and the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring are shown on the attached Mitigation and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.
- G. <u>COMMENTS CONSIDERED</u>. The Board has considered all comments received during the comment period and at the public hearing on the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and the approval of the proposed project.
- H. <u>FINDING CEQA (Negative Declaration)</u>. On the basis of the whole record, including the initial study and any comments received, there is no substantial evidence to support a fair argument that the proposed project as designed and conditioned may have a significant effect on the environment. The project will not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, be cumulatively considerable, or have a substantial adverse effect on human beings, therefore no additional mitigation is required beyond that identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves as follows:

- 1. <u>Findings Adopted</u>. The Board adopts the above findings.
- 2. <u>Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Plan Adopted</u>. Based on the above findings, the Board adopts the attached Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Reporting Plan.
 - 3. <u>Mitigated Negative Declaration Adopted</u>. Based on the above findings, the Board

adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration attached to this Resolution, including the attached Mitigation Measures.

- 4. Project Approved. Based on the above findings, the Board approves the project for water well #12 and pipeline, including site acquisition and easements for and construction of water well #12 and associated pipeline and appurtenances, in accordance with the project description in the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Board directs staff to implement the project, including actions necessary for property acquisition and construction. The General Manager, President and Secretary are authorized to execute documents necessary and appropriate to give effect to this Resolution.
- 5. Notice of Determination. The Secretary is authorized and directed to give due notice of determination that this action is taken based on a Mitigated Negative Declaration under the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15075.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sunnyslope County Water District held on September 9, 2010 by the following Director's vote:

AYES:

Keck, Meraz, Hailstone, Nelson, and Anderson

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Bryan M. Yamaoka, General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Sunnyslope County Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution adopted on September 9, 2010 as Resolution No. .

Dated: September 9, 2010

Bryan M. Yamaoka, Secretary

State of California-The F ces Agency DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME RECEIPT# 2010 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT 392195 STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (If applicable) SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY LEADAGENCY DOCUMENT NUMBER PHONE NUMBER Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity **CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:** ■ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$2,792.25 2010.25 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (ND)(MND) \$2,010.25 Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only) \$850.00 ☐ Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs (CRP) \$949.50 County Administrative Fee 20.00 \$50.00 Project that is exempt from fees ■ Notice of Exemption DFG No Effect Determination (Form Attached) ☐ Other **PAYMENT METHOD:** Cash Other TOTALRECEIVED SIGNATURE PINK-LEAD AGENCY GOLDEN ROD - COUNTY CLERK FG 753.5a (Rev. 11/09) Sunnyslope County Water District 15420 San Benito County Clerk 9/10/10 Date Original Amt. Type Reference **Balance Due** Discount **Payment** 9/10/10 Bill CEQA/NOD Well 12 2,060.25 2,060.25 2,060.25 **Check Amoun** 2,060.25 Clerk-Recorder County of San Benito JUE PAUL GUNZALEZ Clerk-Auditor-Recorder 1 NEGATIVE DECLARATION FISH 2060.25

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Mitigation Measures	Air Quality	Avoidance Measure: AQ-1: Based on the MBUAPCD CEQA Air Quality Guidelines, the project includes the following measures to reduce the project's PM ₁₀ impacts during construction:	 Water all active construction areas at least twice daily. Frequency should be based on the type of operation, soil, and wind exposure. 	 Prohibit all grading activities during periods of high wind (over 15 mph). 	 Apply chemical soil stabilizers on inactive construction areas (disturbed lands within construction projects that 	 are unused for at least four consecutive days). Apply non-toxic binders (e.g., latex acrylic copolymer) 	to exposed areas after cut and fill operations and hydroseed area.	 Haul trucks shall maintain at least two feet of freeboard. 	 Cover all trucks hauling dirt, sand, or loose materials. 	 Plant vegetative ground cover in disturbed areas as soon as possible. 	 Cover inactive storage piles. 	 Install wheel washers at the entrance to construction sites for all exiting tracks 	Sweep streets if visible soil material is carried out from	the construction site.Post a publicly visible sign which specifies the telephone	number and person to contact regarding dust complaints. This nerson shall respond to complaints and take	corrective action within 48 hours. The phone number of	the Monterey Bay Unitled Arr Follution Couldo District shall be visible to ensure compliance with Rule 402	(Nuisance).	
Impact		Construction equipment used at the project site may emit quantities of dust (PM ₁₀) and exhaust, but the concentrations of these temporary emissions are	not anticipated to be substantial. Dust-control measures are included in the project to further	reduce or avoid PM ₁₀ impacts related to grading activities.	[Less than Significant Impact]														-

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Method of Compliance and Oversight of Implementation		All measures will be printed on all construction documents, contracts, and project plans; and implemented during the design and construction phases.
Responsibility for Compliance	S	General Manager, Sunnyslope County Water District and District contractors.
Mitigation Measures	Biological Resources	Implementation of the following mitigation reduce project impacts to special-status spesignificant level. MM BIO-1: A qualified biologist will cor construction surveys for American badger, burrowing owl, and San Joaquin whipsnake project site no less than 14 days and no mo to the start of ground disturbance and/or co Pre-construction surveys may involve use chand excavation to investigate suitable burresults of the pre-construction survey addreads by the USFWS within five (5) survey. MM BIO-2: Nesting Birds: For special-source of known or potential San Joaquin be received by the USFWS within five (5) survey. MM BIO-3: Nesting Birds: For special-source of scounting bird season (between February a nest is found, a suitable buffer determined be implemented to prevent the nest from be activities. If project construction measures shall be construction surveys identify the presence (San Joaquin kit fox, burrowing owl, and/or whipsnake on the project site. MM BIO-3: San Joaquin kit fox natal determine that San Joaquin kit fox natal determine that San Joaquin kit fox natal determine that San Joaquin kit fox natal despotential dens are present within the construction surveys.
Impact		The project site contains friable soils and small mammal burrows. Although frequent soil disturbance and plowing on the agricultural land greatly reduces the quality of this habitat, these conditions could support American badger, San Joaquin kit fox, burrowing owl, and San Joaquin whipsnake. If these species are present during project construction, potentially significant impacts including direct mortality or interference with reproduction could occur from grading and excavation for the pump house installation and utility trenching. Project construction could also impact species covered by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) through disturbance or removal of an active nest, or in the case of burrowing owl, removal of over-wintering habitat. [Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Measures Included in the Project]

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	200 feet of the construction area, mitigation guidelines set out in the 1999 "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Standardized Recommendations for Protection of the San Joaquin Kit Fox Prior to or During Ground Disturbance" will be implemented based on consultation with USFWS. These measures include monitoring known or potential dens for three (3) days with tracking medium or an infra-red beam camera to determine current use, establishing an exclusion buffer around den sites, and inspecting all construction pipes or similar structures with a diameter of four (4) inches or greater that are stored for one or more overnight periods on site.			
	MM BIO-4: American Badger: If pre-construction surveys determine that potential American badger dens are present within the construction area or adjacent to the construction area, dens will be monitored using tracking medium, an infra-red beam camera, or other appropriate methods to determine current use. If the den(s) are shown to be currently in use, continued monitoring of the den site, establishment of an exclusion buffer, exclusion of the badger from the den, or other measure approved by CDFG will be implemented prior to construction.			
	MIM BIO-5: Worker Education: If pre-construction surveys determine that potential habitat for San Joaquin kit fox and/or American badger is present, a worker education program will be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of construction or ground disturbance. Special-status species with the potential to occur within the project site will be covered, and include descriptions, habitat needs, occurrence information, an explanation of status and its protection, and a list of measures being taken to reduce impacts to the species during project construction and implementation.			
	MM BIO-6: San Joaquin Whipsnake: If pre-construction surveys find that conditions are suitable for San Joaquin			

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Although there are no identified	MM CR-1:
prehistoric, historic, or	encountered,
paleontological resources	find would be
identified on site or nearby, there	County of Sal
is always a potential for	archaeologist
subsurface materials to be	recommendat
encountered during construction	appropriate m
and excavation. In accordance	collection, rec
with the GWMP Update, the	materials.
project would be required to	
implement mitigation measures	MM CR-2:
to reduce or avoid impacts to	encountered,
cultural resources.	immediately.

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MM CR-1: In the event any significant cultural materials are	General Manager,
encountered, all construction within a radius of 100 feet of the	Sunnyslope County
find would be halted, Sunnyslope County Water District and	Water District and
County of San Benito personnel would be notified, and the	District contractors.
archaeologist will examine the find and make appropriate	
recommendations regarding the significance of the find and the	
appropriate mitigation. Recommendations could include	
collection, recordation, and analysis of any significant cultural	
materials.	

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contracts, and project plans; and implemented during the

construction phase.

Cultural Resources

subdivision (c) of section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code disturbance of the site may be made except as authorized by the California Native American Heritage Commission, pursuant to the remains are Native American, the coroner shall contact the Upon determination by the County Coroner that District Manager of the Sunnyslope County Water District and provisions of State law and the Health and Safety Code. The the San Benito County Coroner will be notified County Coordinator of Indian Affairs in accordance with the In the event that human skeletal remains are and the County Coordinator of Indian Affairs. No further County of San Benito personnel will also be notified

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Timing of Compliance			To be implemented before, during, and after well and pipeline design and construction.
Method of Compliance and Oversight of Implementation			All measures will be printed on all construction documents, contracts, and project plans; and implemented before, during, and after construction, as appropriate.
Responsibility for Compliance		uality	General Manager, Sunnyslope County Water District and District contractors.
Mitigation Measures	appropriate disposal facility in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. MM HAZ-3: Prior to construction, the San Benito Office of the Agricultural Commissioner shall be contacted to identify properties where pesticides have been recently applied. Areas where pesticides have been applied with restrictions of re-entry shall be identified and all restrictions shall be complied with.	Hydrology and Water Quality	Based on the GWMP Update and regulatory requirements under the NPDES program, the following mitigation measures shall be implemented during construction and operation of the proposed well. MM H/WQ-1: General Measures: Contractors shall be required to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for construction activities. The BMPs include measures guiding the management and operation of construction sites to control and minimize the potential contribution of pollutants to storm runoff from these areas. These measures address procedures for controlling erosion and sedimentation and managing all aspects of the construction process to ensure control of potential water pollution sources. Erosion and sedimentation control practices typically include: - limiting construction to the dry-weather months; - installation of silt fencing and/or straw wattle; - soils stabilization; - revegetation; and - runoff control to limit increases in sediment in storm water runoff (e.g., straw bales, silt fences, check dams, geofabrics, drainage swales, and sand bag dikes).
Impact			The proposed project would add up to 14,400 square feet of asphalt paving to the site, increasing the area of impervious surfaces over current conditions. In addition, runoff from the well and pipeline sites during construction could also contain contaminants and affect water quality. [Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Measures Included in the Project]

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	MM H/WQ-2: The project shall prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) in conformance with RWQCB requirements. The SWPPP shall include post-construction water quality BMPs, as appropriate. BMPs shall be designed in accordance with engineering criteria in the California Stormwater BMP Handbook for New and Redevelopment or other accepted guidance and designs shall be reviewed and approved by the County prior to issuance of grading permits.			
	MM H/WQ-3: During wet-season construction activities, dispersed runoff from the construction site shall be channeled through hay bales, straw waddles, silt fences and/or natural grass to limit sediment erosion. Any large, concentrated surface runoff from the construction site shall be routed through a settlement basin. Surface runoff from outside the construction site shall be diverted away from the construction site.			
	along the southern boundary of the Campisi property or shall be directed along the easement located on the northern boundary of the Brigantino property. The dirt entrance to Southside Road (asphalt-paved) shall have a 50-foot long cobble transition to aid in the removal of soil from vehicular tires.			
-	MM H/WQ-5: The pipeline will be buried, and soil removed from trenching will be reused on site for construction. Drilling soils will not be disposed of within the 100-year floodplain of the San Benito River.			
Installation of the proposed well would require disposal of drilling fluids and excess groundwater generated from the drilling process. Without proper disposal methods for drilling fluids and groundwater, however, this	MM H/WQ-6: Drilling fluids and excess groundwater from the proposed well shall be retained on site until disposal. Drilling fluids from the proposed well will be disposed of according to the specifications of the San Benito County Water District drilling permit, and any applicable local, state, or federal regulations.	General Manager, Sunnyslope County Water District and District contractors.	All measures will be printed on all construction documents, contracts, and project plans; and implemented before, during, and after construction, as appropriate.	To be implemented before, during, and after well and pipeline design and construction.

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excess water could create a significant impact to surface water quality. [Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Measures Included in the Project]	MM H/WQ-7: All groundwater pumped from the well during testing and development shall be routed through a temporary above-ground drainage pipe to convey the groundwater to the existing 84-inch diameter storm drain located on the northwest corner of the Bray parcel.			
	Noise			
Residential land uses are located adjacent to the proposed pipeline construction on Southside Road. Although the houses are relatively close to the road, the construction at any one location would not be expected to last for an extended period of time, and, per San Benito County Code, temporary construction activities are exempt from the noise level standards if these activities are limited to weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Construction and drilling activities on the proposed well site would also generate noise. The well site is approximately 1,000 feet from the nearest residential uses, however, and construction and drilling activities would not significantly impact these uses during the construction period.	 Avoidance Measures: AM NOISE-1: To further reduce construction noise impacts at residential uses along the proposed pipeline alignment, the following avoidance measures are included in the project: Restrict noise-generating activities at the construction site or in areas adjacent to the construction site to weekdays from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., excluding federal holidays. Equip all internal combustion engine driven equipment with intake and exhaust mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment. Unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines will be strictly prohibited. Locate stationary noise generating equipment such as air compressors or portable power generators as far as possible from sensitive receptors. Construct temporary noise barriers as necessary to screen stationary noise generating equipment when located near adjoining sensitive land uses. Temporary noise barriers could reduce construction noise levels by five (5) dBA. Utilize "quiet" air compressors and other stationary noise sources where technology exists. Route all construction traffic to and from the project site via designated truck routes where possible. Prohibit 	General Manager, Sunnyslope County Water District and District contractors.	All measures will be printed on all construction documents, contracts, and project plans; and implemented during the design and construction phases.	To be implemented before and during construction of the water well and pipeline.

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[Less than Significant Impact]	areas where feasible.			
	 Control noise from construction workers' radios to a 			
	point that they are not audible at existing residences			
	bordering the project site.			
	 Designate a "disturbance coordinator" who would be 			
	responsible for responding to any local complaints about			
	construction noise. The disturbance coordinator will			
	determine the cause of the noise complaint (e.g., starting			
	too early, bad muffler, etc.) and will require that			
	reasonable measures warranted to correct the problem be			
	implemented. A telephone number for the disturbance			
	coordinator shall be conspicuously posted near the			
	construction site and included in the notice sent to			
	neighbors regarding the construction schedule.			

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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

The Sunnyslope County Water District has reviewed the proposed project described below to determine whether it could have a significant effect on the environment as a result of project completion. "Significant effect on the environment" means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

NAME OF PROJECT: Sunnyslope County Water District Well #12 and Pipeline

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is the development of a new production groundwater well and conveyance pipeline for the Sunnyslope County Water District that would connect to the District's existing water supply system. The proposed well would be drilled to a depth of approximately 500 feet, and would be expected to produce approximately 1,400 gallons per minute. The proposed pipeline would be approximately 2,000 to 3,200 feet in length, depending on the availability of construction and utility easements.

After drilling, the well site would be developed similarly to other existing wells maintained by the SSCWD. The proposed well site development would include a small equipment building and generator enclosure, which would also be used for storage of chemicals on-site. The area around the well would be asphalt-paved, and the site would be enclosed within a chain-link security fence. Electrical lines would be extended to the site.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located in unincorporated San Benito County, south of the City of Hollister. The proposed groundwater well site is located west of Southside Road at the terminus of an unimproved agricultural road. The well would be drilled on a proposed easement on either the private agricultural Brigantino or Bray or Campisi properties. The well site is located between Southside Road (to the east) and the San Benito River (to the west). Union and Hospital Roads are located to the north and south, respectively.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBERS: 020-28-015, 020-28-022, 020-28-041, 020-28-043

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Bryan M. Yamaoka, General Manager, Sunnyslope County Water District, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, CA 95023, (831) 637-4670.

FINDING: The Sunnyslope County Water District finds the project described above will not have a significant effect on the environment in that the attached initial study identifies one or more potentially significant effects on the environment for which the project applicant, before public release of this draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, has made or agrees to make project revisions that clearly mitigate the effects to a less than significant level.

MITIGATION MEASURES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT TO REDUCE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL:

- I. **AESTHETICS** The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- II. AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- III. AIR QUALITY The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required. The following avoidance measures are included in the project to further reduce construction air quality impacts:
 - AM AQ-1: Based on the MBUAPCD CEQA Air Quality Guidelines, the project shall implement the following measures to reduce the project's PM₁₀ impacts during construction:
 - Water all active construction areas at least twice daily. Frequency should be based on the type of operation, soil, and wind exposure.
 - Prohibit all grading activities during periods of high wind (over 15 mph).
 - Apply chemical soil stabilizers on inactive construction areas (disturbed lands within construction projects that are unused for at least four consecutive days).
 - Apply non-toxic binders (e.g., latex acrylic copolymer) to exposed areas after cut and fill operations and hydroseed area.
 - Haul trucks shall maintain at least two feet of freeboard.
 - Cover all trucks hauling dirt, sand, or loose materials.
 - Plant vegetative ground cover in disturbed areas as soon as possible.
 - Cover inactive storage piles.
 - Install wheel washers at the entrance to construction sites for all exiting trucks.
 - Sweep streets if visible soil material is carried out from the construction site.
 - Post a publicly visible sign which specifies the telephone number and person to contact regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond to complaints and take corrective action within 48 hours. The phone number of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District shall be visible to ensure compliance with Rule 402 (Nuisance).
 - Limit the area under construction at any one time.
- IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES The following mitigation measures are included in the project to reduce seismic impacts to a less than significant level:
 - MM BIO-1: A qualified biologist will complete pre-construction surveys for American badger, San Joaquin kit fox, burrowing owl, and San Joaquin whipsnake in and adjacent to the project site no less than 14 days and no more than 30 days

prior to the start of ground disturbance and/or construction activities. Preconstruction surveys may involve use of a burrow cam or hand excavation to investigate suitable burrow habitat. Written results of the pre-construction survey addressing the presence or absence of known or potential San Joaquin kit fox den sites must be received by the USFWS within five (5) days of the completed survey.

MM BIO-2: Nesting Birds: For special-status bird species (other than burrowing owl), and species covered by the MBTA, pre-construction surveys are required for work that occurs during the breeding bird season (between February 1 and August 31). If a nest is found, a suitable buffer determined by the biologist will be implemented to prevent the nest from being disturbed by work activities. If project construction occurs between September 1 and January 31, the pre-construction breeding bird survey is not necessary.

The following mitigation measures shall be implemented if pre-construction surveys identify the presence of American badger, San Joaquin kit fox, burrowing owl, and/or San Joaquin whipsnake on the project site.

- MM BIO-3: San Joaquin Kit Fox: If pre-construction surveys determine that San Joaquin kit fox natal dens, known dens, or potential dens are present within the construction area or within 200 feet of the construction area, mitigation guidelines set out in the 1999 "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Standardized Recommendations for Protection of the San Joaquin Kit Fox Prior to or During Ground Disturbance" will be implemented based on consultation with USFWS. These measures include monitoring known or potential dens for three (3) days with tracking medium or an infra-red beam camera to determine current use, establishing an exclusion buffer around den sites, and inspecting all construction pipes or similar structures with a diameter of four (4) inches or greater that are stored for one or more overnight periods on site.
- MM BIO-4: American Badger: If pre-construction surveys determine that potential American badger dens are present within the construction area or adjacent to the construction area, dens will be monitored using tracking medium, an infra-red beam camera, or other appropriate methods to determine current use. If the den(s) are shown to be currently in use, continued monitoring of the den site, establishment of an exclusion buffer, exclusion of the badger from the den, or other measure approved by CDFG will be implemented prior to construction.
- MM BIO-5: Worker Education: If pre-construction surveys determine that potential habitat for San Joaquin kit fox and/or American badger is present, a worker education program will be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of construction or ground disturbance. Special-status species with the potential to occur within the project site will be covered, and include descriptions, habitat needs, occurrence information, an explanation of status and its protection, and a list of measures being taken to reduce impacts to the species during project construction and implementation.

MM BIO-6:

San Joaquin Whipsnake: If pre-construction surveys find that conditions are suitable for San Joaquin whipsnake within the construction area, hand excavation of suitable burrows and/or installation of an exclusion fence with one-way exit funnels will prevent potential significant impacts to this species. If the duration of project construction makes it infeasible to place an exclusion fence, a biological monitor will need to survey the construction area each day prior to the start of construction to ensure that no special-status species are present in burrows and open trenches in the work area. To prevent any inadvertent entrapment of special-status species, open trenches should be covered with plywood or similar material at the end of each working day.

MM BIO-7:

Burrowing Owls: Pre-construction surveys for burrowing owls are required for work during any time of the year, because these species utilize burrows as over-wintering habitat outside of the breeding bird season. If pre-construction surveys identify the presence of burrowing owl in the project site or adjacent area, mitigation measures consistent with the California Burrowing Owl Consortium's 1993 "Burrowing Owl Survey Protocol and Mitigation Guidelines" will be implemented. These measures include buffer establishment around active nests, burrow exclusion and hand excavation, and construction of additional nesting burrows. Appropriate mitigation measures will vary based on the timing of construction (breeding vs. non-breeding season), and type and level of impact (direct impact to a nest vs. minor temporary disturbance in surrounding areas) as determined during preconstruction surveys. If additional burrowing owl mitigation measures are necessary, they will be implemented based on consultation with CDFG.

- V. CULTURAL RESOURCES The project will have a less than significant impact on cultural resources. In the event any cultural resources are encountered, the following measures will be implemented.
 - MM CR-1: In the event any significant cultural materials are encountered, all construction within a radius of 100 feet of the find would be halted, Sunnyslope County Water District and County of San Benito personnel would be notified, and the archaeologist will examine the find and make appropriate recommendations regarding the significance of the find and the appropriate mitigation. Recommendations could include collection, recordation, and analysis of any significant cultural materials.

MM CR-2:

In the event that human skeletal remains are encountered, the San Benito County Coroner will be notified immediately. Upon determination by the County Coroner that the remains are Native American, the coroner shall contact the California Native American Heritage Commission, pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code and the County Coordinator of Indian Affairs. No further disturbance of the site may be made except as authorized by the County Coordinator of Indian Affairs in accordance with the provisions of State law and the Health and Safety Code. The District Manager of the Sunnyslope County Water District and County of San Benito personnel will also be notified immediately, as appropriate, if human skeletal remains are found during development.

- VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS The following mitigation measures are included in the project to reduce seismic impacts to a less than significant level:
 - MM GEO-1: A design-level geotechnical study and/or soil foundation report will be completed to develop specific design criteria for the project, including the pipeline, structures, and foundations. The geotechnical study will include site-specific evaluations of soil conditions, fault creep, ground shaking, and the potential for liquefaction and lateral spreading.
 - MM GEO-2: The well and pipeline will designed and located in such a manner that maximizes their ability to remain functional after a major earthquake.
- VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS The following mitigation measures are included in the project to reduce hazardous materials impacts to a less than significant level:
 - MM HAZ-1: Based on the long agricultural history of the site, project construction activities could uncover buried structures or tanks, wells, burn areas, debris, or impacted soil, which could require special handling and disposal. To limit construction delays, development of a soil management plan (SMP) will be prepared to establish management practices for handling these materials/structures, if encountered.
 - MM HAZ-2: Any suspected contaminated soils or debris encountered should be characterized and transported to an appropriate disposal facility in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
 - MM HAZ-3: Prior to construction, the San Benito Office of the Agricultural Commissioner shall be contacted to identify properties where pesticides have been recently applied. Areas where pesticides have been applied with restrictions of reentry shall be identified and all restrictions shall be complied with.
- IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY The following mitigation measures are included in the project to reduce hydrology and water quality impacts to a less than significant level:
 - MM H/WQ-1: General Measures: Contractors shall be required to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for construction activities. The BMPs include measures guiding the management and operation of construction sites to control and minimize the potential contribution of pollutants to storm runoff from these areas. These measures address procedures for controlling erosion and sedimentation and managing all aspects of the construction process to ensure control of potential water pollution sources. Erosion and sedimentation control practices typically include:
 - limiting construction to the dry-weather months;
 - installation of silt fencing and/or straw wattle;

- soils stabilization;
- revegetation; and
- runoff control to limit increases in sediment in storm water runoff (e.g., straw bales, silt fences, check dams, geofabrics, drainage swales, and sand bag dikes).
- MM H/WQ-2: The project shall prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) in conformance with RWQCB requirements. The SWPPP shall include post-construction water quality BMPs, as appropriate. BMPs shall be designed in accordance with engineering criteria in the California Stormwater BMP Handbook for New and Redevelopment or other accepted guidance and designs shall be reviewed and approved by the County prior to issuance of grading permits.
- MM H/WQ-3: During wet-season construction activities, dispersed runoff from the construction site shall be channeled through hay bales, straw waddles, silt fences and/or natural grass to limit sediment erosion. Any large, concentrated surface runoff from the construction site shall be routed through a settlement basin. Surface runoff from outside the construction site shall be diverted away from the construction site.
- MM H/WQ-4: Vehicular traffic shall use the existing dirt road along the southern boundary of the Campisi property or shall be directed along the easement located on the northern boundary of the Brigantino property. The dirt entrance to Southside Road (asphalt-paved) shall have a 50-foot long cobble transition to aid in the removal of soil from vehicular tires.
- MM H/WQ-5: The pipeline will be buried, and soil removed from trenching will be reused on site for construction. Drilling soils will not be disposed of within the 100-year floodplain of the San Benito River.
- MM H/WQ-6: Drilling fluids and excess groundwater from the proposed well shall be retained on site until disposal. Drilling fluids from the proposed well will be disposed of according to the specifications of the San Benito County Water District drilling permit, and any applicable local, state, or federal regulations.
- MM H/WQ-7: All groundwater pumped from the well during testing and development shall be routed through a temporary above-ground drainage pipe to convey the groundwater to the existing 84-inch diameter storm drain located on the northwest corner of the Bray parcel.
- X. LAND USE AND PLANNING The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XI. MINERAL RESOURCES The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XII. NOISE The project will have a less than significant noise impact. The following avoidance measures are included in the project to further reduce construction noise:

- AM NOISE-1: To further reduce construction noise impacts at residential uses along the proposed pipeline alignment, the following avoidance measures are included in the project:
 - Restrict noise-generating activities at the construction site or in areas adjacent to the construction site to weekdays from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., excluding federal holidays.
 - Equip all internal combustion engine driven equipment with intake and exhaust mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment.
 - Unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines will be strictly prohibited.
 - Locate stationary noise generating equipment such as air compressors or portable power generators as far as possible from sensitive receptors. Construct temporary noise barriers as necessary to screen stationary noise generating equipment when located near adjoining sensitive land uses. Temporary noise barriers could reduce construction noise levels by five (5) dBA.
 - Utilize "quiet" air compressors and other stationary noise sources where technology exists.
 - Route all construction traffic to and from the project site via designated truck routes where possible. Prohibit construction related heavy truck traffic in residential areas where feasible.
 - Control noise from construction workers' radios to a point that they are not audible at existing residences bordering the project site.
 - Designate a "disturbance coordinator" who would be responsible for responding to any local complaints about construction noise. The disturbance coordinator will determine the cause of the noise complaint (e.g., starting too early, bad muffler, etc.) and will require that reasonable measures warranted to correct the problem be implemented. A telephone number for the disturbance coordinator shall be conspicuously posted near the construction site and included in the notice sent to neighbors regarding the construction schedule.
- XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- **XV. RECREATION** The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- **XVI. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC** The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- **XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS** The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE – The project will not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, be cumulatively considerable, or have a substantial adverse effect on human beings, therefore no additional mitigation is required.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

Before 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2010, any person may:

- (1) Review the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) as an informational document only; or
- (2) Submit written comments regarding the information, analysis, and mitigation measures in the Draft MND. Before the MND is adopted, District staff will prepare written responses to any comments, and revise the Draft MND, if necessary, to reflect any concerns raised during the public review period. All written comments will be included as part of the Final MND.

	, President Board of Directors Sunnyslope County Water Distric
Circulated on:	,2010
Adopted on:	, 2010

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To	:		From:		
M	Office of Planning and Research	ch	Public Agency: Sunnyslope County Water District		
	For U.S. Mail:	Street Address:	Address: 3570 Airline Highway		
	P.O. Box 3044	1400 Tenth St.	Hollister, CA 95023		
	Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	Sacramento, CA 95814	Contact: Bryan Yamaoka		
		54014 (C11)5014	Phone: 831-637-4670		
M	County Clerk				
	County of: San Benito		Lead Agency (if different from above): IN SAN BENITO COUNTY		
	Address: 481 4th St, 1st Floor				
	Hollister, CA 95023		Address: SEP 1 3 2010		
			Contact: JOE PAUL GONZALEZ COUNTY CLERK Phone: DEDITION OF THE PAUL GONZALEZ COUNTY CLERK		
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SUBJ Code	ECT: Filing of Notice of De	termination in compliar	nce with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources		
State	Clearinghouse Number (if s	ubmitted to State Clearing	ghouse): SCH# 2010071049		
Projec	t Title: Water Well #12 ar	nd Pipeline Project			
Projec	t Location (include county):	APNs 020-28-015, -02	2, -041, -043, near Hollister, San Benito County		
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District	s existing water supply system. The w	action groundwater well and conve	eyance pipeline for the Sunnyslope County Water District that would connect to the		
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This is	to advise that the Sunnyslope C		has approved the above described project on		
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vailab	le to the General Public at: Si	innyslone County Water Di	strict, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, CA 95023		
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Date _	Date Sept 13,2010 Date Received for filing at OPR				
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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044 Secrements CA 95812 2044 (010 445)

For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95812 SCH #2010071049				
Project Title: Well #12 and Pipeline Project				
Lead Agency: Sunnyslope County Water District	Contact Person: B	van Yamaoka		
Mailing Address: 3570 Airline Highway	Phone: 831-637-			
City: Hollister	Zip: 95023-9702 County: San Ber			
Project Location: County;San Benito	City/Nearest Community: Hollister			
Cross Streets: Southside Road and Enterprise Road	City/rearest Community: 110iiister	7:- 0-1 05022		
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 • 49	'24 "N/ 121 • 23 '36 "W T	Zip Code: 95023		
Assessor's Parcel No.: 020-28-015, -022, -041, -043		ange: 5E Base: MD		
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: State Route 25	Waterways: San Benito River	alige: OL Base: WID		
Airports: N/A		chools: Ladd Lane El., Pinnacles		
Document Type:				
CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIF Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Mit Neg Dec Other: NOD	NEPA: NOI Other: B Draft EIS FONSI	☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other:		
Local Action Type:				
☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Developmer ☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan	Rezone Prezone Use Permit Land Division (Subdivision, et	Annexation Redevelopment Coastal Permit Co.) Other: Well & Pipeline		
Development Type: Residential: Units	Power: Type Waste Treatment: Type	MWMGD		
Project Issues Discussed In Document:	Recreation/Parks Schools/Universities Septic Systems Sewer Capacity Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Solid Waste Toxic/Hazardous Traffic/Circulation	Uvegetation Water Quality Water Supply/Groundwater Wetland/Riparian Growth Inducement Land Use Cumulative Effects Other: Greenhouse Gases		
Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: GP: Agricultural Productive, Zoning: Agricultural Productive				
Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary) The proposed project is the development of a new production groundwater well and conveyance pipeline for the Sunnyslope County Water District that would connect to the District's existing water supply system. The proposed well would be drilled to a depth of approximately 500 feet, and would be expected to produce approximately 1,400 gallons per minute. The proposed pipeline would be approximately 2,000 to 3,200 feet in length, depending on the availability of construction and utility easements.				

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist	
Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse dist If you have already sent your document to the agency ple	tribution by marking agencies below with and "X". ease denote that with an "S".
Air Resources Board	Office of Emergency Services
Boating & Waterways, Department of	Office of Historic Preservation
California Highway Patrol	Office of Public School Construction
Caltrans District #	Parks & Recreation, Department of
Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
Caltrans Planning	Public Utilities Commission
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	X Regional WQCB #3
Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	Resources Agency
Coastal Commission	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
Colorado River Board	San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
Conservation, Department of	San Joaquin River Conservancy
Corrections, Department of	Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
Delta Protection Commission	State Lands Commission
Education, Department of	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
Energy Commission	SWRCB: Water Quality
X Fish & Game Region #4	SWRCB: Water Rights
Food & Agriculture, Department of	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
General Services, Department of	X Water Resources, Department of
X Health Services, Department of	Trace resources, Department of
Housing & Community Development	Other
Integrated Waste Management Board	Other:
Native American Heritage Commission	Other:
Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead age	ncy)
Starting Date July 20, 2010	Ending Date August 18, 2010
Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):	
Consulting Firm: David J. Powers & Associates	Applicants
Address: 1871 The Alameda, Suite 200	Applicant:Address:
City/State/Zip: San Jose, CA 95126	City/State/Zip:
Contact: Jodi Starbird, Principal Project Manager	Phone:
Phone: 408-248-3500	
Signature of Lead Agency Representative:	2n Myon of Date: Set 30,2012
Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Re	eference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.