

**CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
THE PULSE FLOWS COMPONENT
OF THE WATER STORAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM GROUNDWATER PROJECTS
SCH # 2022080216**

After review and consideration of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) for the Pulse Flows Component of the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) Groundwater Projects (Pulse Flows Component), I have determined that the Final SIER has met the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15090:

- (a) Prior to approving a project, the lead agency shall certify that*
 - (1) The final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA,*
 - (2) The final EIR was presented to the decision-making body of the lead agency and that the decision-making body reviewed and considered the information contained in the final EIR prior to approving the project; and*
 - (3) The final EIR reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.*

The same guidelines for the lead agency for their final EIR apply to DWR as a responsible agency certifying this Final SEIR.

I therefore certify that the Final SEIR for the Pulse Flows Component has been completed in compliance with CEQA, that DWR is a responsible agency for the Final SEIR, that the Final SEIR was presented to me in my capacity as DWR's decision-making body, and that the Final SEIR reflects DWR's independent judgment and analysis.

I have reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final SEIR, and the three certified EIRs for the three independent WSIP projects it supplements. The three certified EIRs are: the Chino Basin Program Final Program EIR (SCH # 2021090310), the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project Final EIR (SCH # 2020049019), and the Willow Springs Water Bank Project EIR Addendum to the Antelope Valley Water Bank Project (SCH # 2005091117).

Although I am certifying the Final SEIR today, I have not determined whether to approve one or more of the associated three proposed independent WSIP projects and will determine whether to approve one or more of the proposed projects at a later date.

Approved for legal form and sufficiency

By: Laurence Kerckhoff
Laurence Kerckhoff, Staff Counsel

Date: 7/17/2024

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Date: 7/23/2024 *JY*
Date: July 22, 2024