NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Governor's Office of Planning & Research State Clearinghouse

1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM: State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Financial Assistance

1001 I Street 16th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Notice of Determination in compliance with Public Resources Code, Division 13,

Section 21108

PROJECT TITLE: Yosemite Unified School District Water System Upgrade Project (Project);

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) NO. 2000567-002C

SCH# 2016061049

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State Clearing House Number

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LEAD AGENCY AND ENTITY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Yosemite Unified School District (YUSD)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

PROJECT LOCATION: Project is located throughout the campus grounds at YUSD in Oakhurst, CA in Madera County (50200 Road 427 Oakhurst, CA 93644)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is a water system upgrade that includes the construction of new water lines, installation of a storage tank (10,000 gallons), booster pumps, and the consolidation with an existing but separate water utility system. New waterline segments will be constructed within the school campus and in existing rights-of-way. Specifically, there will be 4,410 lineal feet of buried 4-inch and 6-inch water lines installed by trenching and 2,610 lineal feet of 4-inch water lines installed by horizontal directional drilling.

This is to advise that the State Water Board made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations and approved DWSRF financing on August 30, 2019 for the Project:

- 1. Determinations were made pursuant to the CEQA.
- 2. The State Water Board considered the ISMND as prepared by the YUSD for this Project.
- 3. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted by the YUSD for this Project.
- 4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the YUSD's approval of the Project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by the YUSD for this Project.
- 6. The Project will not have any adverse significant water quality effects.

This is to certify that the ISMND with comments and responses and record of funding approval for the Project are available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at the above address.

Senior Environmental Scientist

September 3, 2019

Title

Date

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination

<u>Applicant Name:</u> Yosemite Unified School District <u>Project Title:</u> Yosemite High School Water Upgrade Project Water Program's Project Number: 2000567-002C

As the Deputy Director for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance, I have been delegated the authority to approve and execute the financing agreement for the Yosemite High School Water Upgrade Project (Project). The execution of the financing agreement is an action that is subject to CEQA. The authority to make this CEQA determination necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute the financing agreement. I hereby find the following:

- The Yosemite Unified School District is the Lead Agency under CEQA. The Yosemite Unified School District prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), titled Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Yosemite Unified School District; Water System Upgrade Project; Oakhurst, California, which was circulated through the State Clearinghouse (No. 2016061049) for review and comment. No comments were received. The Yosemite Unified School District adopted the MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on November 13, 2017. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Madera County Clerk's office on November 16, 2017, and filed with the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse on November 16, 2017.
- The State Water Board is a Responsible Agency under CEQA. A responsible agency complies with CEQA by considering the MND prepared by the lead agency and by reaching its own conclusions on whether and how to approve the Project involved.
- The State Water Board has independently considered the MND and, pursuant to my delegated authority, I find that mitigation has been incorporated into the Project to reduce the environmental impacts of the Project to less-than-significant levels as described in the final MND.
- Based on the above, I find that the Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.
- A final copy of the MND, MMRP, comments and responses, and record of funding approval for the Project are available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance.

Leslie Laudon, Deputy Director Division of Financial Assistance