

San Geronio Pass Water Agency

DATE: May 9, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
BY: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
SUBJECT: 2022 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting Resolution No. 2022-11 regarding the adoption of the 2022 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act for the Agency.

BACKGROUND

The California Environmental Quality Act, codified at Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*, is California's most comprehensive environmental law. It generally requires public agencies to evaluate the environmental effects of their actions before they are taken. CEQA also aims to prevent significant environmental effects from occurring as a result of agency actions by requiring agencies to avoid or reduce, when feasible, the significant environmental impacts of their decisions.

To this end, CEQA requires public agencies to adopt specific objectives, criteria and procedures for evaluating public and private projects that are undertaken or approved by such agencies.

Environmental Impact

No environmental impact is anticipated from amending the Local CEQA Guidelines. The Agency's adoption of the attached Resolution is not a project under State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) because it involves an administrative activity involving process only and would not result in any environmental impacts.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Board action for this item requires no additional funds. Future expenditures for maintenance and reporting may cost \$50,000 annually.

ACTION

No fiscal impact is anticipated from amending the Local CEQA Guidelines.

ATTACHMENTS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY AMENDING AND ADOPTING LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §§ 21000 ET SEQ.)

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has amended the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.), the Natural Resources Agency has amended the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §§ 15000 et seq.), and the California courts have interpreted specific provisions of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 21082 requires all public agencies to adopt objectives, criteria and procedures for (1) the evaluation of public and private projects undertaken or approved by such public agencies, and (2) the preparation, if required, of environmental impact reports and negative declarations in connection with that evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (“Agency”) must revise its local guidelines for implementing CEQA to make them consistent with the current provisions and interpretations of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agency hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The Agency adopts the “2022 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act,” a copy of which is on file at the offices of the Agency and is available for inspection by the public.

SECTION 2. All prior actions of the Agency enacting earlier guidelines are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2022.

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

Larry Smith, President

ATTEST:

Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board