

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATION FOR JUDICIAL STREAMLINING OF
THE PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROJECT
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, **GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Senate Bill 149 (Chapter 60, Statutes of 2023), Public Resources Code Section 21189.80 et seq., make the following determinations:

The Pure Water Southern California Project (Project) includes a new Advanced Water Purification facility, pipeline, and other related supporting infrastructure to purify and recycle cleaned wastewater for beneficial uses in Los Angeles County. The Project will invest in the California economy, create living-wage jobs, and help reduce Southern California's reliance on imported water, diversify locally available water supplies, and improve resilience to climate change and other stressors. A copy of the Project's application, which contains information supporting this certification, is attached as Exhibit 1. All materials associated with this application are available online at: <https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/judicial-streamlining/#under-consideration>

As set forth below, the Project applicant has demonstrated that the Project meets all requirements to be eligible for certification for judicial streamlining.

1. Project Applicant: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
2. Project Description: The applicant proposes the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new Advanced Water Purification facility, pipeline, and other related supporting infrastructure to purify and recycle up to 150 million gallons per day of cleaned wastewater for beneficial uses. At full buildout the Project would produce enough water to meet the annual needs of over 500,000 households.
3. CEQA Lead Agency: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
4. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (h)(1)(C). It is a recycled water project as defined in Section 13050 of the Water Code. (Exhibit 1, Section 2.1, pg. 19).
5. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (h)(2). The applicant has agreed the Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code. (Exhibit 1, Section 2.2, pg. 19, and Attachments B and C).
6. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (h)(3). The Project does not include the design or construction of through-Delta conveyance facilities of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. (Exhibit 1, Section 1.3, pg. 5-9).
7. The applicant has agreed to pay the costs of the trial court and the Court of Appeal in hearing and deciding any case challenging a lead agency's action on the certified project, pursuant to the requirements in Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (a)(4)(B)(i). (Exhibit 1, Section 2.3, pg. 19).



8. The applicant has agreed to pay the costs of preparing the record of proceedings for the Project concurrent with review and consideration of the Project pursuant to the requirements in Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (a)(4)(B)(ii-iii) and Section 21189.86. (Exhibit 1, Sections 2.4 and 2.5, pg. 20-21).
9. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (a)(4)(C). The Applicant has demonstrated that greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the Project will be mitigated to the extent feasible. (Exhibit 1, Section 2.6, pg. 22-24, and Attachment D).
10. The applicant has provided information establishing that the Project will minimize impacts to disadvantaged communities in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (c). Specifically, the applicant has committed to avoid or minimize significant environmental impacts in any disadvantaged community and to mitigate any significant environmental impacts to disadvantaged communities with mitigation measures that shall be undertaken in, and directly benefit, the affected community. (Exhibit 1, Section 2.7, pg. 25-27, and Attachment E).
11. The application materials submitted by the applicant were made available to the public on the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's website on November 5, 2025, and two public comment letters on the Project application were received. Both were letters of support for the Project's application for judicial streamlining.

Therefore, I hereby certify that the Pure Water Southern California Project is an eligible "water-related project" infrastructure project pursuant to Senate Bill 149 (Chapter 60, Statutes of 2023), Public Resources Code Section 21189.80 et seq. Pursuant to statute, this certification must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) for concurrence or nonconcurrence; I therefore instruct the Director of the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to transmit this certification to the JLBC for such action.



DAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

December 15, 2025

