

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CHIRIACO SUMMIT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Chiriaco Summit County Water District ("District") is a County Water District formed under the State of California County Water District Law (Water Code Section 30000 et. seq.) to provide domestic water supplies as authorized and permitted by the California Department of Health Services and the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the District must refurbish and improve its water system to comply with revised State and Federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the District is near completion of its design review for the water system improvement project, and will submit its final design to the California Department of Health Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for review and consideration for a State Revolving Fund grant and federal grant to construct the proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, upon approval and funding for the proposed improvements, the district will issue bidding documents and approve a contractor for the construction of the proposed improvements in accordance with the applicable public bidding and contracting requirements; and

WHEREAS, District staff has determined that the permitting, approval, construction, and operation of the proposed improvements (the "Project") is subject to the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and as lead agency prepared an Initial Study to analyze all potential environmental impacts of the Project; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the initial study which indicated that all potential environmental impacts from the Project could be mitigated to a level of insignificance, District staff determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration should be prepared; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the Project pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the District made the Mitigated Negative Declaration available to the public and to all interested agencies for review and comment on January 10, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the District received, considered, and responded to comments received from the public and other interested agencies on the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public meeting on February 15, 2001 to receive additional public testimony on the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") has carefully reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration and all other relevant information contained in the record for the Project; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred;

NOW, THEREFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHIRIACO SUMMIT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Compliance With The California Environmental Quality Act. As the decision making body for the Project, the Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and Administrative Record for the Project. The Board finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study contain a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project. The Board further finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and Administrative Record have been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

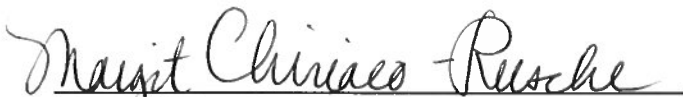
SECTION 2. Findings on Environmental Impacts. Based on the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, the Administrative Record, and all written and oral evidence presented to the Board, the Board finds that all environmental impacts of the Project are either insignificant or can be mitigated to a level of insignificance pursuant to the mitigation measures outlined in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Mitigation Monitoring Program, and the Initial Study. The Board further finds that there is no substantial evidence in the record supporting a fair argument that the Project may result in significant environmental impacts. The Board finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment of the Board.

SECTION 3. Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared for the Project.

SECTION 4. Notice of Determination. The Board directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk of Riverside County within five (5) working days of Project approval.

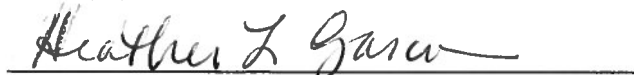
SECTION 4. Execution of Resolution. The Chair of the Board shall sign this Resolution and the Secretary of the Board shall certify that this Resolution was duly and properly adopted by the Board.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of February, 2001.



Margit Chiriaco-Rusche
Chair, Board of Directors
CHIRIACO SUMMIT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

ATTEST:



Heather Garcia
Secretary, Board of Directors
CHIRIACO SUMMIT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT