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By email

Lawrence Gosden  
Chief Executive  
Southern Water

28 June 2023

Dear Lawrence,

## Strategic regional water resource solution: gate two final decision for Southern Water

I am writing to inform you that we have published the final decision in respect of the following strategic regional water resource solution:

- Thames Water to Southern Water Transfer

The solution owners and other interested parties had the opportunity to respond to the draft decision during the representation period, which followed the publication of the decisions on 30 March 2023. We have taken all relevant representations into account in making our final decision.

### Final decision summary in respect of Southern Water-sponsored solution

Recommendation item	Thames Water to Southern Water Transfer
Solution owners	Thames Water Southern Water
Should further funding be allowed for the solution to progress to gate three?	Yes
Is there evidence all expenditure is efficient and should be allowed?	Yes
Delivery incentive penalty?	No
Is there any change to partner arrangements?	No
Are there priority actions for urgent completion?	Yes

The RAPID partner regulators would like to thank Southern Water for submission timeliness, collaborative approach and positive engagement which has helped drive the quality and speed of progression of this solution.

Both this letter and the enclosed final decision document were published on our website on 28 June 2023.

Should you have any questions about the final decision, please e-mail [rapid@ofwat.gov.uk](mailto:rapid@ofwat.gov.uk) and someone from the team will be in touch.

Once again, Ofwat would like to thank Southern Water for the work that it has carried out over the gate two period.

Yours sincerely

**David Black**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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