

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2018128182

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3110005-007C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Dutch Flat Mutual Consolidation (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Throughout the towns of Dutch Flat and Alta, Placer County, California.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes the connection of the Applicant's Alta treated water distribution system to Dutch Flat Mutual's water system. This consists of constructing a new distribution system within Dutch Flat and the decommissioning of the existing Dutch Flat's water treatment plant and pipelines. The new distribution system will include a pipeline connecting the Alta distribution main directly to Dutch Flat's existing storage tank and installation of water pipelines as necessary to meet pipe velocity and fire flow requirements. Appurtenant facilities will be installed including valves, fire hydrants, blow-offs, air release valves, water meters, and a flow control station per Applicant's standard requirements. The pipeline connecting Applicant's Alta distribution system and Dutch Flat's distribution system will be equipped with a water meter to monitor the flow entering the existing Dutch Flat water tank. The new distribution system will be constructed parallel to the existing system to allow the existing connections to remain in service during construction. Once the distribution system mains are completed, the existing meters will be replaced and connected to the new distribution mains. After construction of the new distribution system, the existing Dutch Flat's water treatment plant and old distribution pipeline infrastructure will be decommissioned and abandoned in place.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on April 20, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Placer County Water Agency will be carrying out the Project.

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

**Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project is exempt because it consists of replacement of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including water main extensions, and street improvements with substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing facility.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Placer County Water Agency

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Heather Knutson

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A record of financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

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