

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO: Office of Planning & Research**  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
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**FROM: State Water Resources Control Board**  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street 16th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** RP-5 Recycled Water Pipeline Bottleneck (Project); Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) NO. C-06-8235-120

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**LEAD AGENCY AND ENTITY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Inland Empire Utility Agency (Agency)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located within the Regional Water Recycling Plant No. 5 (RP-5) in the City of Chino, San Bernardino County, California. The facility is located south of Kimball Avenue and east of El Prado Road, T2S R8W, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian on the USGS Prado Dam, Calif., quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series topographic maps.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project undertaking entails modifications to existing equipment and the excavation of an approximately 4.5-foot-wide trench to replace existing 14-inch-diameter pipelines with 24- to 30-inch-diameter pipelines in order to correct a "bottleneck" that causes high velocities and losses within the piping system and results in flow reduction in the receiving pipe. The replacement pipe will range between 24" and 30" diameter.


**RESPONSIBLE AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15301 (Class 1) (d)
- Statutory Exemption (Sec. 15262).

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines from CEQA requirements because it, "consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination."

This is to advise that the State Water Board made CEQA determinations and approved CWSRF financing on June 22, 2020 for the Project. This is to certify that the record of funding approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at the above address.

	Environmental Scientist	June 22, 2020
Signature (Public Agency)	Title	Date

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