

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, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2018068125

PROJECT NUMBER: 0910002-028C

PROJECT TITLE: Keller Heavenly Water System Improvements Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Area serviced by the Keller and Heavenly Water Tanks including water mains from Regina Road to Needle Peak Road and from the intersection of Saddle Road and Keller Road, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, CA 96150

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 construction of 500 feet (ft) of a new water pipeline connecting Regina Road to Needle Peak Road and 1,800 ft of new water pipeline from the Keller tank site to the upper intersection of Saddle and Keller. The Project also includes a 150,000-gallon replacement tank, tank rehabilitation, and site improvements that involve installation of new wire mesh and a rock fall barrier at the Heavenly Valley access area and the tank area. Backup power and a new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions system will be installed along with and pressure reducing valve upgrades will be installed at Saddle Road, Keller Road, Regina Road and Wildwood Avenue.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on July 23, 2021 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The South Tahoe Public Utility District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 1: Existing Facilities

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301)

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

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

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project qualifies for exemption because it involves operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing facilities with no expansion of use. It also involves replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

LEAD AGENCY: South Tahoe Public Utility District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Lynn Nolan

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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, 16th 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.

Signature: _____ Date: July 23, 2021

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