

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: 2016108284

PROJECT NUMBER: 3010038-002C

PROJECT TITLE: Automated Meter Infrastructure (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located throughout the City of Santa Ana, within Orange County.

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 referred to internally as Automated Meter Infrastructure. The Project includes updates to the existing water metering system with the replacement of 44,565 manual-read meters with Advance Meter Infrastructure.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on November 17, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Santa Ana 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)

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 involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Ana

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Rodolfo Rosas

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Records of the 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: _____

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