

## 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:** 2016038232

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 1800575-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Shaffer Elementary School Source Capacity Study (Project)  
(Shaffer Elementary School Source Capacity Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Highway 35 North Litchfield, Lassen County, CA 96177

**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 activation of existing groundwater well #3 and the disconnection of groundwater well #2 and the pressure tank from the Shaffer Elementary school water distribution system. The Project also includes a new well pump, a new chlorine injection system, two new flow meters with connection piping from well #3 to the water distribution system. The Project will install segments of new sewer pipes and reroute other existing sewer pipes to meet off-set requirements. The existing hydropneumatic tank will undergo rehabilitation via replacement of the internal lining and anodes and expansion of the manway.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 21, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Shaffer Unified School 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(d).

**Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction**

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

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

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

**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 involves operation, repair, maintenance, minor alteration(s), or replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities that are located at the same site and will have the same purpose and capacity. The Project also involves installation of a new connection pipeline, less than one mile in length, and maintenance, repair, restoration and other utility improvements.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Shaffer Unified School District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Jeff Baker, Superintendent

**PHONE NUMBER:** (530) 254-6577

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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