

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: 2007021032

PROJECT NUMBER: 3610032-002C

PROJECT TITLE: Well No. 16 Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located at 3240 Needles Highway, City of Needles, within San Bernardino County. The Project site is located just west of the Colorado River and just east of the intersection of State Route 66 and River Road.

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 design and installation of Well No. 16. The well is to be developed based on a preliminary well design of an 18-inch inside diameter well casing. The depth of the well will be dependent upon test drilling results and be determined during preliminary design. The well would be equipped with a submersible pump for groundwater extraction. Facilities would also include a 320 square-foot pump station house (or steel shade structure) approximately 10 feet in height to be placed near the developed well on a concrete pad. Groundwater produced from the well would be distributed into the City's existing water system from the pump to a new 16-inch pipeline constructed within the Project Site.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on January 12, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Needles will be carrying out the Project.

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Emergency Projects (Declared Emergency, Emergency Repairs, Emergency Prevention/Mitigation)

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15269)

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 the installation of a well as an action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Needles

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Rainie Torrence

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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.

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