

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2017128262

PROJECT NUMBER: 4510003-003C

PROJECT TITLE: Burney Water System Improvement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Hudson Street, Sagehen Lane, Timber Drive, unincorporated Shasta 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 Burney Water District Water System Improvement Project. The Project includes improvements to an existing booster pump station (installing a new emergency backup diesel generator; upgrading and retrofitting the building; and replacing pumps, valves, piping, the manual transfer switch, motor control center, and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) hardware and software); improvements to three existing water storage tanks (coating tank interiors and exteriors, installing overflow screens, replacing vents, overflow repair, and upgrading existing antennas, control panels, and the programmable logic controller); improvements to three existing wells (new piping, pumps, motors, valves, well level transmitters, chlorination facilities, and intrusion alarms); general improvements to existing well houses (e.g., windows, doors, siding, roofing, fencing, etc.); and upgrading the water system's obsolete SCADA hardware component.

A new emergency backup diesel generator with a weatherproof enclosure mounted on a concrete slab will be installed at the Well Field site to power Well 6 and Well 7. Well 8 is currently powered by PG&E with a backup natural gas engine that needs to be upgraded. If upgraded, the natural gas engine would serve as a secondary source of power for Well 8. Alternatively, Well 8 may be connected to the emergency backup generator to be used for the other two wells. If this alternative is selected, the existing natural gas engine and all related equipment would be demolished. The Applicant will determine the preferred alternative during the final design phase of the Project. Water

Tank #3 (an inactive 0.4 million gallon below-grade gunite tank) on the Well Field site will be demolished.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on October 23, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Burney Water 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

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303

Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land

California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15304

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 is consistent with the categorical exemptions noted above because work would consist of repair, upgrades, and minor alterations to existing structures; no expansion of capacity or use would occur; only minor trenching to install the new piping at the Well Field site would occur; and the ground surface would be restored to pre-Project condition. The proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; would not result in damage to scenic resources within a Scenic Highway; is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to section 65962.5 of the Government Code; would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; and would not result in cumulative impacts.

LEAD AGENCY: Burney Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: David Zevely

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are 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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