

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
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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: 2019070820

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8404-210

PROJECT TITLE: Manila CSD Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The unincorporated community of Manila, located on a peninsula between the Pacific Ocean and Humboldt Bay.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as Manila CSD Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project. The Project includes the replacement of: septic tank risers, septic pumps, air relief valves, wet well pump, system generator, mechanical components of hydraulic control structures by aerated lagoons, and fencing around the wastewater treatment areas. The following Project components will be newly installed: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system infrastructure, a septage holding tank and screening system, pond lining at the outer edge of the aerated lagoons and platform to assist with access and management of aerated lagoons, temporary bypass system, and odor control system. The Project also includes removal and disposal of septage from tanks throughout the system.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 15, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Manila Community Services 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)

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 the replacement of or upgrades to a variety of existing infrastructure and limited installation of new infrastructure resulting in negligible expansion of existing use. Replacement of existing infrastructure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Only minor ground disturbance will be conducted for the proposed Project, all of which will aim to occur within previously disturbed areas and existing rights-of-way.

LEAD AGENCY: Manila Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Brett Vivyan

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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.

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