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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Beverly Grand Mutual Water Company Consolidation with City of Porterville

Project Applicant: Self-Help Enterprises on behalf of Beverly Grand Mutual Water Company

Project Location - Specific: The Project takes place in the community of Beverly Grand, Porterville, CA. The community falls within portion of Section 32 and 33 (Township 18 S/Range 21 E) and Section 4 and 5 (Township 19S/Range 21E) MDBM.

Project Location - City: Porterville Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please see attached project description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Porterville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1);15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c);
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15282(k)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Project has very limited ground disturbance activities that will be limited to installation of less than 1 mile of new 8-inch pipeline within existing road ROW.

Signature: Julie Phillips

Title: Julie Phillips, Community Development Manager

Date: September 12, 2019

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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### **Beverly Grand Mutual Water Company Consolidation to City of Porterville**

#### Project Description

The Beverly Grand Mutual Water Company is located adjacent to the northern boundary of the City of Porterville and serves approximately 31 residences. The mutual water company's single well is producing water that exceeds acceptable nitrate concentrations and the company has been issued a compliance order to resolve the issue. The mutual water company subsequently secured state grant funding to consolidate with the City of Porterville and construct new water mains and water services to serve the mutual water company service area.

The proposed water system improvements include: approximately 1,700 lineal feet of looped 8-inch diameter water mains with an appropriate number of isolation valves, constructed in Beverly Drive, Boyles Drive, and Agnes Avenue, buried about 3.5-feet below the street surface; system flushing valves; water quality sampling stations; fire hydrants; up to 31 water service connections; two connections to the existing City of Porterville water main in West North Grand Avenue and the 8-inch main in N. Beverly Street, and street asphalt pavement trench repair. Once the new water distribution system is tested, disinfected, and accepted by the City, each residence will then abandon their existing connection to the old system and tie to the new extended City water system. After all service transfers have been completed, the mutual water company water well will be destroyed in conformance with State, County, and City guidelines; well site equipment such as, the hydropneumatic tank, electrical equipment, and onsite piping will be removed; and the old water mains that run in the residential backyards will be abandoned in place.

The project is intended to be constructed between September 1 and January 31, outside the nesting bird season. Should any construction need to occur during the nesting season (February 1 through August 31) a qualified biologist, retained by the City of Porterville, will conduct pre-construction surveys for active bird nests within 30 days of the onset of these activities. The survey will include the proposed work area(s) and surrounding lands within 500 feet, where accessible. within 30 days before start of construction for active bird nests. Should any active nests be discovered in or near proposed construction zones, the biologist will identify a suitable construction-free buffer around the nest. This buffer will be identified on the ground with flagging or fencing, and will be maintained as a construction free zone until August 31 or until the biologist has determined that the young have fledged. If a nest is found the biologist will identify a suitable construction-free buffer around the nest. The buffer will be maintained until August 31 or until a qualified biologist has determined the nest is no longer active.