

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: 2019110427

PROJECT NUMBER: 5400805-005C

PROJECT TITLE: Soults Mutual Water Company Water System Improvement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Throughout the community of Soults directly west of the city limits of Tulare, California 93274

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 replacement and reconstruction of a water delivery system to serve the Soults Tract and three adjacent residences. The Project will install approximately 5,200 linear feet (LF) of eight-inch diameter water main, 1,200 LF of 12-inch diameter water main, and 20 LF of six-inch water main. Valves, hydrants, approximately 39 individual water services and meters, and related appurtenances will also be installed. The Project will include three new points of connection to the City of Tulare water system. The new water system will be constructed four feet below grade within existing rights-of-way. The existing water delivery system will be abandoned in place. Existing hydrants will be removed, and their services capped below grade. Well No. 1 will be abandoned, and its equipment will be removed.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on November 28, 2022, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Tulare County will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

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 exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced. It also includes construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

LEAD AGENCY: Tulare County

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Hector Guerra

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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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