

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: 2020020510

PROJECT NUMBER: 0400063-001P

PROJECT TITLE: Manzanita Well Replacement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 627 E. Evans Reimer Road, City of Gridley, within Butte 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. The Project includes the plan and design of a replacement water well to serve the Manzanita Elementary School site. The Project will involve evaluation of the existing groundwater well and aquifer data, as well as collection of data from an on-site test hole. The test hole will be abandoned in place and returned to its original site condition following California Well Standards. The Project goal is to determine the optimal design criteria that meets water production targets and drinking water quality standards.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on December 21, 2020 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Manzanita Elementary School District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 6: Information Collection

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

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 consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that will not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: Manzanita Elementary School District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Gary Rogers

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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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