

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: 2020030006

PROJECT NUMBER: 0910002-029C

PROJECT TITLE: 2019 Waterline Replacement Program (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: At four separate project areas within the City of South Lake Tahoe, California 96150 in El Dorado 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 will include replacement of approximately 20,400 linear feet (LF) of pipelines, provide water supply for fire protection, and add new fire hydrants. Construction will occur in four different neighborhoods within the City of South Lake Tahoe. The Project will be completed in three phases. Phase 1 is located at the Rocky Point #1 location and will consist of approximately 4,700 LF of waterline replacement. Phase 2 is located at the Bowers and Bijou locations and will consist of approximately 8,400 LF of waterline replacement. Phase 3 is located at the Black Bart location and will include approximately 7,300 LF of waterline replacement. Additionally, the Project will include replacement or new installation of fire hydrants, system isolation valves, zone intertie valves, water services, paving, and appurtenances.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on December 16, 2021 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The South Tahoe Public Utility District 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 exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves replacement and 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 and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

LEAD AGENCY: South Tahoe Public Utility District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Steve Caswell

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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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