

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: 2020030356

PROJECT NUMBER: 1610001-008C

PROJECT TITLE: Armona Community Services District Meter Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located throughout the City of Armona, within Kings 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 replacement of 1,200 existing water meters, installation of an antenna on an existing water tower, and potentially installation of an additional antenna on one of three existing tanks (Well No.1, Well No. 2, or Well No.3). The Project consists primarily of replacing and repairing meters within the existing meter box footprint, however up to 245-meter boxes may need to be replaced. Twenty of the meter boxes requiring replacement will be relocated from private property into the right-of-way for ease of access.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on July 30, 2021 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Armona Community Services 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)

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 utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

LEAD AGENCY: Armona Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dawn Marple

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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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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