

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: 2020040147

PROJECT NUMBER: 3610039-053C

PROJECT TITLE: Systemwide 2 Pipeline Replacement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located throughout the City of San Bernardino, in San Bernardino County at the following: Waterman Avenue between 6th Street and 7th Street, Highland Avenue between G Street and E Street, Rialto Avenue between K Street and Mount Vernon Avenue, K Street between Rialto Avenue and 2nd Street, Fremontia Street between 23rd Street and 26th Street, 23rd Street between Fremontia Street and Valencia Avenue, Several locations along south side of 210 freeway from G Street to Pepper Tree Lane.

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 referred to internally as Water Distribution Mainline Replacement. The Project involves the replacement of approximately 12,260 linear feet of existing water mains ranging from 4-inch to 8-inch of various material such as steel, ductile iron, transite and cast iron with approximately 12,260 linear feet of new ductile iron pipelines (DIP) ranging from 8-inch to 12-inch throughout the City of San Bernardino. The replacement pipes will be substantially the same size and alignment as the existing pipes within the public rights-of-way. The existing water mains will be abandoned per City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) standards. The Project also includes an elimination component that is located within the Project area called Mountain Sub-Zone B Elimination. In addition to the replacement of existing water mains and laterals, the elimination component involves the removal of an existing pump station and automatic control valve station, installation of two pressure reducing stations, and installation of pressure reducing valves at about 70 residences.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on October 19, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California

Environmental Quality Act. The City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department 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 and reconstruction of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

LEAD AGENCY: City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Miguel J. Guerrero

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Records of the 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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