

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:**  
Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SCH #:****PROJECT #:** 1910169-001C**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Meter Replacement (Project)**PROJECT LOCATION:** Within the community of Walnut Grove, Los Angeles County, CA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead 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 2828 meters within the Walnut Park Mutual Water Company service area. This will involve removing the meter box lid, disconnecting/cutting the old meter out and removing it, splicing the new meter in place, and closing the meter box lid. There will be no ground disturbing activity. The work will be performed by an estimated two work crews consisting of one or two laborers and one construction vehicle each, and is proposed to be completed within 160 working days.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board approved SRF financing for the Project described above on April 14, 2020 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Walnut Park Mutual Water Company 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(s) selected above and will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Project includes replacement. The Project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Gabriel Edwards**PHONE NUMBER:** (916) 449-5990

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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