

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: 2020050367

PROJECT NUMBER: 1510023-002C

PROJECT TITLE: Lake of the Woods Waterline Replacement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Throughout existing street right-of-way's and easements in the unincorporated Lake of the Woods community, within Kern 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 approximately 8,500 feet of waterline, as well as related valves and connections. New construction includes installation of five fire hydrants.

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

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 of existing water supply distribution

lines of substantially the same size, as well as water service connections and valves. New construction of small features includes fire hydrants.

LEAD AGENCY: Buena Vista Water Storage District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Tim Ashlock, District Engineer

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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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