

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
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FROM:
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #: 2020080561

PROJECT #: 4510016-003C

PROJECT TITLE: Clear Creek Community Services District Backwash Ponds Repair Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is located in unincorporated Shasta County within the Whiskeytown Unit of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. Improvements would occur at the Water Treatment Plant, located at the base of Whiskeytown Dam, east of Clear Creek (Section 27, Township 32 N, Range 6 W, of the U.S. Geological Survey Igo quadrangle).

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 the pond clay liners with structural concrete on the bottom and side slopes of Ponds 2 and 3; installation of French drains upgradient of Ponds 1, 2, and 3 to intercept groundwater to protect fill slopes and the concrete liner from hydrostatic pressure, with the French drains discharging to an existing constructed ditch; installation of overflow outlets from Pond 3 to Pond 2, from Pond 2 to Pond 1, and from Pond 1 to the existing drainage ditch to protect the pond embankments; surface restoration of the roads around the ponds which will be damaged during construction activities (including installation of the French drains and overflow outlets); and the replacement of the supervisory control and data acquisition system to allow for remote monitoring, system automation, and control.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on February 17, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Clear Creek Community Services District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 1: Existing Facilities

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301)

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 exemption(s) selected above and will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts. The Project consists of repair of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities with substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, and construction of limited new small facilities.

LEAD AGENCY: Clear Creek Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Kurt Born

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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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