

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: 2020090473

PROJECT NUMBER: 8581-110

PROJECT TITLE: WWTP Secondary Clarifiers Upgrade (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Project will be constructed within the District's approximately 18.46 acres Waste Water Treatment Plant property at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive in South Lake Tahoe California, which is situated adjacent to the confluence of Trout Creek and Heavenly Valley Creek and is mapped within the South Lake Tahoe USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle, Section 3, Township 12 North, Range 18 East, Mount Diablo meridian.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project will rehabilitate the degraded secondary clarifier mechanisms and bring them in line with current seismic safety standards. The clarifiers are an integral part of the South Tahoe Public Utility District's water pollution control plant (WPCP). The Project will improve the reliability and performance of the secondary treatment process at the WPCP. The Project is the first stage of the implementation of the selected alternative: Plant Replacement - Conventional Activated Sludge (CAS). In this first stage, a CAS facility will be constructed which will operate in parallel with the existing secondary treatment process in a split flow operation until the second stage is constructed.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on March 12, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The South Tahoe Public Utility 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)

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 impact on water quality. The Project involves repair and upgrade of existing structures involving no expansion of capacity.

LEAD AGENCY: South Tahoe Public Utilities District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Stephen Caswell

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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: March 14, 2022

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