

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: 2020120014

PROJECT NUMBER: 2000554-002C

PROJECT TITLE: Maintenance District 33 Replacement of Municipal Well, Ponding Basin and Meters Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Intersection of Road 19 and Avenue 22, Fairmead, Madera County, CA.

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 construction of a new 500 gallon per minute municipal replacement well with vertical piping and connection appurtenances, a pump and motor, a 130-foot by 146-foot by 168-foot discharge pond, approximately 150 feet of piping from the new well to the discharge pond, and construction of approximately 167 new residential water meters within the County Right-of-Way. The Project also includes the installation of a variable frequency drive and modification to the main control panel.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on December 4, 2019 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Madera County Public Works 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.

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 have a significant impact on water quality. The Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located and have substantially the same purpose and where water main, sewage, electrical, gas and other utility extensions.

LEAD AGENCY: Madera County, Public Works Department

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Mathew Treber

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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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