

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: 2020120511

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8526-110

PROJECT TITLE: RP-1 Disinfection Improvements Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located within the Inland Empire Utilities Agency's Regional Water Recycling Plant No. 1 at 2662 East Walnut Street, Ontario, San Bernardino County, California.

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 referred to internally as RP-1 Disinfection Improvements Project. The Project involves repairs and improvements to the disinfection systems and related support facilities at Regional Plant (RP) No. 1. The Project consists of: (1) the demolition of the existing sodium hypochlorite storage and metering facility, (2) the construction of a new sodium hypochlorite storage and metering facility, (3) the construction of chemical dosing facilities, (4) improvements to the existing sodium bisulfite storage and metering facility, (5) structural and mechanical repairs to the existing sedimentation basin, (6) improvements to the Filter Effluent Structure No. 1 (New Effluent Structure) and No. 2 (Old Effluent Structure) to provide a pump mix chemical injection system, (7) improvements to provide an out-of-compliance diversion to Lagoon No. 3, (8) demolition of the west alum tank and associated discharge piping, odor scrubber and associated pumping system, abandoned chlorine piping, and bollards surrounding an electrical box, (9) asphalt improvements and a new parking lot, and (10) repair and reconstruction of existing improvements affected by the work, and incidentals for a complete and usable facility.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on September 20, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Inland Empire Utilities Agency 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 selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

LEAD AGENCY: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jesse Pompa

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Records of the 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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