

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**  
Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SCH #:**

**PROJECT #: 33414; AGREEMENT #: SWRCB000000000D1917002**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Fresno County, Kern County, Kings County, Madera County, Mariposa County, Merced County, Stanislaus County, and Tulare County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program is financing the Project. The State Water Board approved funding for the project on March 23, 2020. The project is to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities to develop, fund, and implement their capital improvement projects. The project will also provide bridge loans to water systems serving small disadvantaged communities that are party to an executed Drinking Water State Revolving Fund construction funding agreement, as well as provide Emergency Fund Grants to water systems serving small disadvantaged communities.

**ENTITY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Self-Help Enterprises

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Class 6: Information Collection**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15305)

**STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Feasibility and Planning Studies**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

**Emergency Projects (Declared Emergency, Emergency Repairs, Emergency Prevention/Mitigation)**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15269)

**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 effect on the environment. The State Water Board made CEQA determinations and approved SAFER grant funding for the Project on the date specified below.


**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Himali Rodrigo

**PHONE NUMBER:** (916) 341-5954

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: 2/18/21

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