

## 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2021040087

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3600306-005P

**PROJECT TITLE:** Thunderbird CWD Planning for Water Production Facility, Well 5 (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Throughout the Thunderbird County Water District Service area in Apple Valley, California 92307 in San Bernardino County

**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 purpose of the Project is to review options for consolidation, well modification, or design and construction of replacement wells. The Project includes data collection, engineering design development, and completion of other administrative tasks in preparation for a construction project to improve water quality in the district. Two of the Applicant's active wells maintain fluoride levels that exceed the state maximum contaminant level. The Project may also include a test well and inspection of existing wells. Minor repairs to the wells may be necessary during these investigations.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on July 14, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Thunderbird County Water 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 6: Information Collection**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project qualifies for exemption because it involves operation, repair, and maintenance of existing structures and mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, and includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Thunderbird County Water District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Christine Bispo

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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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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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