

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research

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County Clerk

County of: Inyo

P.O. Drawer F

Independence, CA 93526

From: Darwin Community Services District

P.O. Box 5

Darwin, CA 93522

(Address)

Project Title: Tank Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Darwin Community Services District, P.O. Box 5 Darwin, CA 93522

Project Location - Specific:

West terminus end of W. Water Street, Darwin, CA 93522; Latitude 36.272623 Longitude -117.590750

Project Location - City: Darwin, CA (unincorporated) Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project is to replace an existing 14,000-gallon steel raw water tank at the water treatment plant site that has failed due to differential settlement. The existing tank will be demolished, and a new steel tank of the same capacity will be erected in its place after a new foundation is prepared. This new tank will allow for proper operation of the water treatment plant. The Darwin community will benefit by the resumption of potable water service to its residents.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Darwin Community Services District, P.O. Box 5, Darwin, CA 93522.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Darwin Community Services District, P.O. Box 5, Darwin, CA 93522.

Exempt Status: (check one):

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: sec. 21080(b)(9), 21084; sec. 15302(c)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is to replace a damaged water tank with a new water tank of the same material and capacity (14,000 gallons) to be located at the same site and have nearly the same footprint as the tank replaced. Darwin CSD has determined this project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302, Class 2(c) Replacement or Reconstruction, which reads, "Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced..." and "(c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity."

Lead Agency


Contact Person: Tamara Meyers, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 876-1900

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 4/11/21 Title: Board President

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.