

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: 2021050087

PROJECT NUMBER: 3310001-009P

PROJECT TITLE: Highway 86 Phases 3 and 4 Preliminary Engineering Report Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project will begin in Riverside County at the intersection of Lincoln Street and Highway 86 and extends south into Imperial County where it ends at the eastern end of Diamond Avenue. The proposed borings are located approximately at the intersections of Highway 86 and 84th Avenue, 86th Avenue, and Coombs.

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 three geotechnical borings at 10 to 20 foot depths along the existing Highway 86 for Phases 3 and 4 alignment of the Project to collect soil samples in preparation to replace approximately 13 miles of transmission water main. The borings are for information collection only and will not result in any permanent environmental impacts at the boring site.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on November 1, 2021 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Coachella Valley Water District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

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 exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on

water quality. The Project would consist of geotechnical borings for information gathering purposes only related to groundwater levels and soil characteristics such as corrosivity, and would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: Coachella Valley Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Laura Kleeman

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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.

Signature: _____ Date: November 2, 2021

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