

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021060545

PROJECT NUMBER: 1910240-001C

PROJECT TITLE: T7, U4, and U6 Wells PFAS Treatment, Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 Wells VOC Treatment and New Disinfection Facility Improvements Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the City of Santa Clarita, within Los Angeles County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the Project referred to internally as T&U Wells PFAS Treatment, Saugus 1&2 Wells VOC Treatment & Disinfection Facility Improvement Project. The Project includes installation of a per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) groundwater treatment system at the existing Rio Vista Intake Pump Station. The new PFAS groundwater treatment system will treat raw groundwater from the existing T7, U4, and U6 wells. The Project consists of four ion exchange vessels, two pre-filter assemblies, on-site drainage, and on and off-site water piping and electrical upgrades. The PFAS treatment system will require well head improvements at T7 and U6 wells, which will include pump, motor and electrical upgrades at each well site. A new disinfection system building, with a liquid ammonium sulfate feed system and sodium hypochlorite generation system, will be constructed to disinfect treated groundwater that is produced from the T7, U4 and U6 wells, as well as the nearby wells Saugus 1, Saugus 2, and Q2.

The Project also includes improvements to four off-site pipeline locations. The first off-site pipeline work is to be located within Bouquet Canyon Road and involves installation of approximately 175 linear feet of new 14-inch potable water Ductile Iron pipe. The other three pipeline improvements will occur at three locations along Newhall Ranch Road which will involve modification/removal of existing water pipe, valving, and pipe capping.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:

Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on March 11, 2024 in accordance with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The Santa Clarita Valley Water 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)

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

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 involves alteration and upgrades of an existing public facility, replacement of well head components and installation of a hypochlorination unit to inactivate bacterial contamination, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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Project records are available to the general public upon request 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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