

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: 2021090313

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8508-110

PROJECT TITLE: El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution
Renewal Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 520 East Yanonali Street, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara
County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution Renewal. The Project consists of the demolition of four existing buildings totaling approximately 2,463 square feet, including all electrical equipment contained therein, and the construction of five new electrical buildings totaling approximately 4,201 square feet. The Project will also include a new waste gas flare, storm water remediation infrastructure, and new utility infrastructure for the existing wastewater plant. The Project has been designed to replace or enhance existing El Estero Water Resource Center plant operations, while not increasing overall plant capacity.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on March 20, 2023, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Santa Barbara 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 the operation, repair, and minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project involves the replacement of existing utility systems and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. Finally, the Project involves construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Barbara

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Flesse

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Records of the 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.

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