

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: 2021090366

PROJECT NUMBER: 4600012-008C

PROJECT TITLE: Ram Spring Improvement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of Main Street and Miners Street, Sierra 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 Project includes improvements to the Alleghany County Water District's water system. Improvements at the Ram Springs source facility include adding base rock/fill material to cover and protect existing water collection pipes, constructing a ±100-square-foot concrete pad and shelter structure for an existing water collection tank, constructing a ±200-square-foot water sampling laboratory, installing a supervisory control and data acquisition system at the new laboratory, extending electrical conduit from the pump house to the new laboratory, constructing a new driveway to the laboratory building, completing improvements to the existing pump house, replacing a generator, replacing fencing, completing drainage improvements, removing hazard trees, brush, and undergrowth, developing a ±440-square-foot wetland, and selectively removing upland overstory trees to enhance the growth of wetland species. In addition, up to 51 water meters would be replaced throughout the Alleghany County Water District's water service area.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on September 22, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Alleghany 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 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 exemption(s) selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project includes improvements to existing facilities that are required to meet current public health standards, construction of small structures, and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The Project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, would not result in damage to scenic resources within a Scenic Highway, is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to §65962.5 of the Government Code, would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, and would not result in cumulative impacts.

LEAD AGENCY: Alleghany County Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Rae Bell Arbogast

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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.

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