

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: 2021110125

PROJECT NUMBER: 2310001-003C

PROJECT TITLE: Fort Bragg Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 31301 Cedar St, City of Fort Bragg, Mendocino 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 referred to internally as Water Treatment Plant Overhaul and Water Tank Rehabilitation. The Project includes repairs to the water treatment building and replacement of a 1302 square foot, 50-year-old, deteriorated control building. The replacement control building will serve the same purpose but increase in size approximately 234 square feet to provide room for two new air scour blowers. Approximately 560 linear feet of piping will be repaired where the surface is restored, with a portion of the piping being relocated from under city streets. Maintenance will be performed on the water ponds which includes dredging of sludge, a 2-foot increase in depth to increase storage capacity, installation of approximately 60,000 square feet of Linear Low-Density Polyethylene liner and installation of concrete lining on the dike slopes of the backwash pond. The Project also includes rehabilitation and maintenance on a 1.5-million-gallon water storage tank, replacement of an electrical switchboard with a new concrete pad, demolition of an inactive accessory reactor clarifier, improvements to the filtration treatment units and general landscaping on overgrowth.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 1, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Fort Bragg 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 4: Minor Alterations to Land

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15304)

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 repair and maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, replacement or reconstruction of existing structures, and minor public or private alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Fort Bragg

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: John Smith

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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.

Signature: _____

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