

## 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:**

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 1500525-002P

**PROJECT TITLE:** Consolidation of Hillview Acres Mutual Water Company (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** In the vicinity of Weldon, Kern County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes planning activities including well investigations, surveys, geotechnical investigations, and development of engineering and environmental documents in anticipation of a future construction project.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on December 10, 2021, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Lakeview Ranchos Mutual Water Company 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 the environment. The Project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource in anticipation of a future construction project.

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Gabriel Edwards

**PHONE NUMBER:** (916)-449-5990

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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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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