

## 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:** 2021120380

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 1000187-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Selma Unified School District (SUSD) - Indianola School Consolidation with the City of Selma's California Water ("CalWater") Service (private water purveyor) (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** City of Selma, Fresno 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 Indianola Elementary School Water System Consolidation. The Project includes construction of a new water pipeline to connect the Indianola School water line at an existing well to CalWater facilities in the City of Selma. The pipeline is proposed to be constructed within the Dinuba Avenue road right-of-way a distance of roughly 4,000 linear feet from the school site to the nearest point of connection with existing CalWater pipeline at approximately Dinuba Avenue and Road 88. The existing well at the school site will be converted to be used for irrigation. A new irrigation booster pump will be installed, and the existing booster pumps and hydropneumatics tank at the school's storage tank site will be removed.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on August 24, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Selma Unified School 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)

**STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Other Statutory Exemptions (right of way pipelines less than one mile)**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15282)

**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 water quality. The Project involves the installation of a new pipeline that does not exceed one mile in length as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Selma Unified School District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Marilyn Shepherd

**PHONE NUMBER:** (559)-896-6500

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, 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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