

## 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:** 2022030728

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3610032-006

**PROJECT TITLE:** Replacement of Needles City Well No. 11 Treatment System and Distribution Pipeline Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located between North K Street and River Road, and north of Ed Parry Park, City of Needles, within San Bernardino 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 involves replacement of the existing Well No. 11 treatment facilities and of the 16-inch delivery pipeline from Well No. 15 to Well No. 11. Replacement will include but is not limited to the following components: wellhead improvements, chemical feed improvements, replacement filter system, 125,000-gallon bolted steel tank, and standby generator. The Project would provide a new filtration system necessary to achieve the City's water quality objectives.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 3, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Needles 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)

**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 replacement or reconstruction of a water treatment process unit, as well as replacement of existing water supply distribution lines and storage tanks of substantially the same capacity.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Needles

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Rainie Torrance

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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, 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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