

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO: Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of San Bernardino 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Fl. San Bernardino, CA 92415</p> <p>or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk</p>	<p>FROM: Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency P.O. Box 517 121 Palomino Dr. Big Bear City, CA 92314 Phone: (909) 584-4018</p>
<p>Project Title:</p>	<p>Adoption of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and Approval of Repair, Maintenance and Pre-Construction Activities.</p>
<p>Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):</p>	<p>Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency service area (map of location where projects will occur is attached)</p>
<p>a) Project Location – City:</p>	<p>Big Bear City</p>
<p>Project Location – County:</p>	<p>County of San Bernardino</p>
<p>Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>	<p>Adoption of the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (the “Budget”), which includes funding for nine projects to maintain or replace existing equipment, purchase small equipment, create new pipeline maps, and complete pre-construction activities associated with the Replenish Big Bear Project (“Budget”). The nine potential projects include: 1) rehabilitating the monitoring wells, 2) replacing a CSA flow meter, 3) rehabilitating the North Shore Pump Station 3, 4) replacing a VFD for Interceptor Station 3, 5) replacing a laboratory BOD incubator, 6) replacing 3 pumps, 7) replacing headers and check valves, 8) creating new pipeline maps, and 9) performing engineering, environmental and other pre-construction activities related to Replenish Big Bear (“RBB”) (collectively, “Proposed Approvals”). The Budget also determines a rate adjustment tied to RBB, along with current operations and impact of RBB on the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency’s expenses and rates.</p>
<p>Name of Public Agency approving project:</p>	<p>Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency</p>
<p>Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:</p>	<p>Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency P.O. Box 517 121 Palomino Dr. Big Bear City, CA 92314 Phone: (909) 584-4018</p>

Exempt status: (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines § 15378
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines § 15273
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines § 15301, 15302, 15303
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)
Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The April 27, 2022 approval of the Budget and Proposed Approvals is not a CEQA “project,” because the Budget and Proposed Approvals will not result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impacts under State CEQA Guidelines § 15378. Further, the Budget and Proposed Approvals are not subject to CEQA review, because it can be seen with certainty that they have no potential to impact the environment under State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3).</p> <p>Additionally, and even if the Budget and the Proposed Approvals are a CEQA “project,” they are still categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15301, 15302, 15303, and 15311 because the Budget and the Proposed Approvals involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment that will result in negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing today pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15301; • the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities, which will be located on the same site have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure or facility replaced pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15302; • the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15303. <p>Finally, none of the “exceptions” to the categorical exemptions apply under State CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2.</p> <p>Lastly, the Budget is exempt from under State CEQA Guidelines § 15273 since the Budget includes rate adjustments to assist in funding the RBB to maintain service within existing service areas.</p>
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Date Received for Filing: _____



Signature (Lead Agency Representative)/Title

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Project Location Map

Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Project List

- (1) Rehabilitating the monitoring wells
- (2) Replacing the CSA flow meter
- (3) Rehabilitating the North Shore Pump Station 3
- (4) Replacing the VFD Interceptor Station 3
- (5) Replacing the Laboratory BOD Incubator
- (6) Replacing Pumps (3)
- (7) Replacing the Headers and Check Valves
- (8) Creating New Pipeline Maps
- (9) Performing Pre-Construction Activities Replenish Big Bear

