

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
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From:
State Water Resources Control Board,
Division of Drinking Water
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SCH #: 2022050586

PROJECT APPLICANT: Golden State Water Company- Cowan Heights (3010047)

PROJECT TITLE: Operation of Treatment and Reactivation of Fairhaven Wells 1 & 3 Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 2048 Fairhaven Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92866

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Applicant proposes to operate an existing ion exchange treatment plant for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances- known as PFAS (PFAS) that was constructed under the Orange County Water District's approval and to reactivate the existing Fairhaven Wells 1 and 3 that were inactivated due to contamination with PFAS prior to construction of the treatment plant.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a water supply permit amendment for the described project above on 07/10/24. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water Office listed above.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 1: Existing Facilities

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301)

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

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(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption(s) selected above and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The Project is exempt because it is the operation of a treatment plant and the reactivation of existing wells. The Project will involve minor modifications with no expansion of existing and former use. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

Signature: _____ Date: 07/17/24

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