

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, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022060040

PROJECT NUMBER: 3210010-001P

PROJECT TITLE: Source Capacity Development and Associated Infrastructure Improvements (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Hamilton Branch and Lake Almanor Peninsula, Plumas County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is financing the Project referred to internally as Source Capacity Development and Associated Infrastructure Improvements. The Project includes feasibility and planning studies for the location of a new storage tank facility and the installation of a pilot test well for drinking water source capacity development. The scope of work will include consolidation investigation, site investigation and test well drilling, plans and specifications, environmental documentation, a preliminary and final engineering report, a Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Assessment, and completion of a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) application for the selected construction project.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on December 30, 2024 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Hamilton Branch Community Services District 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)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Feasibility and Planning Studies

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions which the board has not approved or funded, and basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: Hamilton Branch Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Michael Saitone

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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, 16th 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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