

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: 2022060267

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8577-110

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Paula Advanced Treatment System Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 921 Calpipe Road, Santa Paula, Ventura County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as City of Santa Paula Advanced Water Treatment Facility. The Project will upgrade the wastewater treatment equipment at the City of Santa Paula's Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The Project includes the installation of an advanced treatment system that will be housed in an approximately 10,000-square-foot building on the northeast portion of the WRF property. The advanced treatment facility will include a natural gas connection for space heating and air conditioning equipment for cooling. Other Project equipment includes pumps and pipelines to transport the water to and from the advanced treatment system, electrical conduit and wiring, process piping, and miscellaneous instrumentation and controls. The Project will install approximately 400 linear feet (LF) of 18-inch pipeline, 400 LF of 12-inch pipeline, and 100 LF of 2-inch pipeline between the existing WRF and the Project. Fill from a four-acre borrow pit located on site will be used to elevate the advanced water treatment facility site to match the foundation elevation of the existing WRF.

The advanced treatment system will generate brine concentrate as a byproduct. The brine concentrate will be processed using a brine concentrator to reduce its volume, be stored in a tank on site, and then be transported to a nearby treatment plant for ocean disposal.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on April 19, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental

Quality Act. The City of Santa Paula & Santa Paula Utility Authority 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 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

(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 exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves the operation, repair, and maintenance of an existing facility, involving negligible expansion of existing use. The Project includes the construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Paula & Santa Paula Utility Authority

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Eileen Shields

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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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