

## 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:** 2022070388

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 1000206-002P

**PROJECT TITLE:** HK School 123-TCP Well Planning Grant (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** In the vicinity of Kearney Blvd, South WestLawn, unincorporated Fresno 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 referred to internally as Houghton-Kearney K-8 School Well Project. The Project includes the assessment of the Houghton-Kearney K-8 School well at the lower levels, design of alternatives, drilling a test well, drawing plans, and drafting environmental documents for a potential new replacement water well.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 19, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Central Unified School 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 exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on

water quality. The Project consists of feasibility and planning studies, and basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Central Unified School District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Tatum Toste

**PHONE NUMBER:** (559) 274-4700

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, 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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