

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: 2022060396

PROJECT NUMBER: 3010046-001C

PROJECT TITLE: City of Tustin PFAS Water Treatment Plant (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 335 S Prospect Avenue, Tustin, Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the Project referred to internally as City of Tustin PFAS Water Treatment Plant. The Project includes the installation of a small treatment plant at the City's existing water treatment plant site (Main Plant) for the treatment of Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) contaminants. Four ion exchange vessel systems will be installed at the site to treat the water produced from the City's wells. The Project also includes the construction of a new pipeline to convey water from the well sites to the PFAS treatment system located at the Main Plant, a new section of distribution pipeline from the Main Plant, and the replacement of an existing nitrate treatment system and upgraded booster pumps to handle the additional flows.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:

Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on December 28, 2023, in accordance with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The City of Tustin will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

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 exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, as well as the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures.

LEAD AGENCY: Orange County Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Shawn Nevill

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Project records are available to the general public upon request 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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