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: 2022070022

PROJECT NUMBER: 0910002-030C

PROJECT TITLE: Bijou #1 and Herbert-Walkup Waterline Replacement Projects

(Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the City of Lake Tahoe, throughout Deer Park and Bijou neighborhoods, within El Dorado 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 for the Project referred to internally as Waterline Upgrades and Improvement Project. The Project includes replacement of 15,900 linear feet of aging waterlines and installation of 28 fire hydrants within the South Tahoe Public Utility District's service area. The Project will take place in two phases: Herbert Walkup (Phase 1) and Bijou #1 (Phase 2). Herbert Walkup (Phase 1) includes replacement of 9,400 linear feet of poor-condition steel waterline, install approximately 16 fire hydrants, and intertie of new main at nine sites. Bijou #1 (Phase 2) includes replacement of 6,500 linear feet of undersized waterline and adding 12 fire hydrants.

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 May 15, 2024 in accordance with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The South Tahoe Public Utility District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

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 replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

LEAD AGENCY: South Tahoe Public Utility District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Adrian Combes

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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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