

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: 2022080641

PROJECT NUMBER: 5100107-009C

PROJECT TITLE: Robbins Community Water Improvement (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located at the James site and Acacia site, in the unincorporated Robbins Community, within Sutter County. The James site is located south of the developed Rural Community of Robbins on Assessor's Parcel 29-190-082. The Acacia site is located at 18318 Sacramento Valley Blvd.

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 Robbins System - New Well and Arsenic Removal Treatment (Sutter Co. WWD#1). The Project includes replacement of an existing drinking water well and water tank, as well as upgrades to the water treatment system, to address ongoing water quality issues. The Project will be located on two separate sites, the James site, and the Acacia site.

Construction at the James site will include replacement of the existing 610 gpm James Well, with a new 230 gpm well, and installation of water treatment system. A test well will be drilled as part of information collection towards the final well design. Both the original James Well and test well will be destroyed. The water treatment system will be designed around the current ATEC Water Treatment System. It will include the electrical, instrumentation/control, mechanical and civil components of the work that will facilitate tie-in of the existing Sacramento Valley Blvd Well to the water treatment system on the James Site and then connected to the existing water distribution system.

Construction at the Acacia site will include replacement of the inactive 40,000-gallon water tank with a new elevated 35,000-gallon potable water tank. Additional installation of necessary appurtenant infrastructure includes site grading, water pipeline tie-in, concrete pads, booster pumps, backwash tanks, treated water storage tanks, trenching and installation of necessary electrical, and water piping valves.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on January 16, 2024 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Golden State Water Company 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)

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

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 replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and construction of appurtenant infrastructure and water distribution lines of less than sixteen inches in diameter and no greater than one mile in length. The Project also includes installation of a test well for basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: County of Sutter

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Guadalupe Rivera

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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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