

## 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:** 2022110618

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 5510016-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Conditional Use Permit CUP22-006 (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located throughout the Sierra Park water system, within Tuolumne 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 Sierra Park Water Company Water Systems Improvements. The Project includes construction of an iron and manganese water treatment facility adjacent to the existing Well 6. The treatment facility will be a fenced site with a metal pre-manufactured building to house the treatment system, electrical controls, sodium hypochlorite bulk storage, and a garage. The treatment facility will also have a backwash storage tank and waste storage tank. The existing Well No. 6 and Well No 5 pumps will be replaced and equipped with variable frequency drive (VFD) motors. Sounding tubes will be installed at each well. The maximum area of disturbance is 102.5 ft x 84.5 ft (total area of the water treatment plant including garage). The wells and treatment plant area total 1.6± acres in size.

Additional Project components include the installation of supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system for monitoring and control of the existing wells and tanks and proposed treatment system. Control panels for the SCADA system will be located at the well sites and proposed treatment plant site. A conduit will connect the wells to the SCADA system panel located at the water treatment plant site.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on January 22, 2024 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Sierra Park Water Company 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 exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves minor alteration of existing structures not expanding existing uses, as well as new construction of small new facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Tuolumne County

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Quincy Yaley

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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, 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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