

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: 2022120526

PROJECT NUMBER: 3710025-001P

PROJECT TITLE: Sweetwater Authority Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Inventory and Identification Requirements (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Sweetwater Authority Service Area, including National City, western and central Chula Vista, and Bonita, San Diego 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 Sweetwater Authority Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Inventory and Identification Requirements. The Project includes an information gathering investigation (lead service line inventory) related to the lead and copper rule requirement for lead service line and the recent revisions issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to the Lead and Copper Rule. The goal of the investigation is to identify how many private lead service lines currently exist in the Sweetwater Authority's service area. Statistical interpolation and random sampling will be used as a method for establishing material designations within the Authority's lead service line inventory. The Project will not include potholing or ground disturbing activities.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on September 4, 2024 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Sweetwater Authority 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 exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project consists of feasibility/planning, basic data collection, computer statistical modeling, and field investigations for possible future actions.

LEAD AGENCY: Sweetwater Authority

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Israel Marquez

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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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