

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: 2022120547

PROJECT NUMBER: EDWG-2400097-001C

PROJECT TITLE: Cressey Elementary School - Water System Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 9921 West Crocker Avenue, Merced County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is financing the Project referred to internally as Cressey Elementary School Water System Project. The Project includes the installation of a centralized treatment system with granular activated carbon filtration units. The treatment system will be placed on a concrete slab and housed in a new shed building estimated at 256 square feet. The Project will also include a new 5,000-gallon storage tank, backup generator, electrical system, relocation of the existing pressure tank and connection to the existing water system. The proposed shed building, water storage tank and relocated pressure tank will be contained by a new chain-link fence.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on August 26, 2024 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Ballico-Cressey School District 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 exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on

water quality. The Project involves reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and the construction of new, small facilities or structures.

LEAD AGENCY: Ballico-Cressey School District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Ramon Cuen

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are 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.

Signature: _____

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