

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation
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: 2023020487

PROJECT NUMBER: 3310001-010P

PROJECT TITLE: East Coachella Valley Water Supply Plan Update and Consolidation Planning Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Multiple locations, City of Thermal, Riverside 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 East Coachella Valley Water Supply Plan Update and Consolidation Planning Project. The Project will update the 2019 East Coachella Valley Water Supply Plan (ECVWSP) to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating tribal systems as well as evaluate, design, and develop documents necessary to consolidate 30 small water systems (SWSs) with the District's potable water system. The Project will complement Technical Assistance (TA) efforts completed or already in progress by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation (Pueblo Unido), and University Enterprises, Inc. (UEI).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on March 4, 2025 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Coachella Valley Water District will be carrying out the Project.

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 exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on

water quality. The Project involves feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the State Water Board has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

LEAD AGENCY: Coachella Valley Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: William Patterson

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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.

Signature: _____

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