

## 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:** 2023040113

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 8744-110

**PROJECT TITLE:** Joint Sweetwater Authority - Otay Water District Recycled Water Intertie Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located in the City of Chula Vista, San Diego County, California.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as Joint Sweetwater Authority - Otay Water District Recycled Water Intertie Project. The Project is a joint planning study between the Otay Water District and the Sweetwater Authority to determine the feasibility of providing recycled water within the service area.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 18, 2024, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Otay Water District 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. This Project is exempt from CEQA, as the Project scope involves planning and feasibility studies, and/or data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Otay Water District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Lisa Coburn-Boyd

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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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