

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Action by the Big Bear City Community Services District Board of Directors to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03 in order to adopt the Water and Sewer Code of Regulations.

Project Location (specific):

(a) Project Location – City: Within the territory of the Big Bear City Community Services District’s service area.

(b) Project Location – County: County of San Bernardino, State of California.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Big Bear City Community Services District (“BCCSD”) adopted Ordinance No. 2023-03 on May 1, 2023, which provided authority for the Board of Directors to adopt the Water and Sewer Code of Regulations. The Water and Sewer Code of Regulations became effective May 1, 2023, and is necessitated to facilitate operational improvements for water and sewer services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Big Bear City Community Services District

Name of Person or Public Agency carrying out Project: Big Bear City Community Services District

Exempt Status (check one):

- (a) Ministerial Action.
- (b) Not a Project. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14 (“State CEQA Guidelines”), § 15378(b)(4).)
- (c) Emergency Project.
- (d) Categorical Exemption.
- (e) Declared Emergency.
- (f) Statutory Exemption. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080(b)(8); State CEQA Guidelines, § 15273(a)(1)-(4).)
- (g) Other. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15061(b)(3).)

Reasons why Project is exempt: The action of the BCCSD Board of Directors to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03 is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because the adoption of the Ordinance is to facilitate operational improvements for water and sewer services. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080(b)(8); State CEQA Guidelines, § 15273(a)(1)-(4).) The Water and Sewer Code of Regulations is reasonably related to the operation of water and sewer facilities and the adoption of the Water and Sewer Code of Regulations will not expand BCCSD’s existing system. Additionally, the approval of Ordinance No. 2023-03 is not subject to CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15061(b)(3).) Finally, the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-03 is not a “project” under CEQA because it is the creation of a government funding mechanism or fiscal activity that does not involve a specific commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the physical environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15378(b)(4).)

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