

## 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:**

**PROJECT NUMBER:** D2117007

**PROJECT TITLE:** Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Statewide

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program is financing the Project. The Project includes assistance in implementing SB200, supporting the Human Right to Water, and accelerating the implementation of critical drinking water projects benefiting disadvantaged communities in California.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on March 28, 2022, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The California Urban Water Agencies 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


the environment. The State Water Board made CEQA determinations and approved SAFER grant funding for the Project on the date specified below.

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Kyle Harper

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A record of 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.

Signature:  for \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/5/23

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