

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, 17th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2023120338

PROJECT NUMBER: D2212544

PROJECT TITLE: Water Replenishment District Drinking Water Treatment Operations and Maintenance Technical Assistance Program (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Cities of Commerce and Maywood

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the project that is referred to internally as the WRD Drinking Water Treatment O&M TA Program (Project). The State Water Board's Groundwater Grant Program is financing the Project with Proposition 68 (Prop 68) funding. The Project includes providing technical assistance (TA) and distributing operations and maintenance (O&M) funding to disadvantaged communities (DACs) that treat groundwater for direct potable use.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved Prop 68 funding for the Project described above on November 3, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) 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)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS: None

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. Ongoing operation and maintenance of existing facilities is consistent with the Class 1: Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption (California Code of Regulations,

title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301) and the Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3)).

LEAD AGENCY: Water Replenishment District of Southern California

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Aimee Zhao

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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, 17th 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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