

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, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROJECT NUMBER: D2218006

PROJECT TITLE: Tijuana Trash Booms Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the Tijuana River channel, approximately 950 feet south of the intersection of Sipes Lane and Camino De La Plaza in San Diego, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The Applicant is proposing the design and implementation of a trash boom in the Tijuana River. This phase of the Project only consists of planning activities, including the preparation of environmental and design documents for the construction phase of the Project which the State Water Board has not approved.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved US Mexico Border Projects - General Fund funding for the Project described above on December 14, 2023 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Rural Community Assistance Corporation 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 planning and design portion of the Project is exempt from CEQA since it consists of planning and feasibility studies (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262), and/or basic data collection and research with no

disturbance to an environmental resource (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15306), which will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jennifer Toney

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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, 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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