

## 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:** To be generated by CEQAnet

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 8679-110

**PROJECT TITLE:** City of Oakdale Recycled Water Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The City of Oakdale (City) is located at the base of the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in eastern Stanislaus County, California, approximately 15 miles northeast of Modesto. The City service area is anticipated to serve a total developed area of approximately 4,215 acres by the year 2040 and approximately 9,817 acres for build-out conditions.

**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 City of Oakdale Recycled Water Project. The Project includes evaluating the City service area and the current processes at the existing treatment facilities, including the potential source of recycled water, current disposal/reuse of wastewater, and current sources of freshwater. The City will also explore options for developing a recycled water program that would provide a system to produce recycled water to offset the use of ground water and surface water. Recycled water uses considered include irrigation of nearby farmland and discharging to Oakdale Irrigation District (OID).

**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 City of Oakdale 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. The Project involves data collection and feasibility, and planning studies for possible future actions.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Oakdale

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Alison Furuya

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are 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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