

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 Water Quality
1001 I Street, 15th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:

PROJECT NUMBER: D2212210

PROJECT TITLE: Citywide Bioretention Basin Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Berryman & Washington (34.001320, -118.416129); Slauson & Segrell (33.989472, -118.398439); Cota & Pickford (34.000646, -118.396302); LeBourget & Jasmine (34.009173, -118.393337); Revere Place (34.013421, -118.391927); Higuera & Wesley (34.023283, -118.385439); Overland & Northgate (34.001048, -118.390665); Overland & Galvin (33.999954, -118.390397).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Citywide Bioretention Basin Project (Project) will install landscaped bioretention basins in locations around the City of Culver City (City) in accordance with the City's recently adopted Stormwater Quality Master Plan (SWQMP). The Project will protect water quality in the Santa Monica Bay watershed. The bioretention facilities will capture dry-weather (and first flush) runoff, which will be used to irrigate native plants and excess runoff will infiltrate into the ground. By capturing this runoff before it enters the storm drain infrastructure that flows to Ballona Creek, pollutants such as metals, bacteria, and trash will be filtered and retained, therefore, not flowing into the Creek. The Project will include monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the bioretention facilities on reducing pollutant loading to Ballona Creek.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved funding for the Project described above on 6/28/2024 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Culver City will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

California Code of Regulations, Section 15301 Class 1 (c); California Code of Regulations, Section 15302 Class 2 (c); California Code of Regulations, Section 15303 Class 3 (d); California Code of Regulations, Section 15304 Class 4 (b)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: 15301 Class 1 (c): existing streets, sidewalks, and parkways will include minor alterations to implement stormwater capture without changing street/sidewalk capacity and/or configuration. 15302 Class 2 (c): Streets and drainage systems will be improved with negligible expansion of capacity (capturing first flush of runoff to improve water quality - flood capacities remain the same). 15303 Class 3 (d): minor utility extensions will be constructed (under drains), which will connect to existing drainage structures. 15304 Class 4 (b): minor alterations will be made to existing landscape areas, which include replacement of grass/turf with bioretention planting, which is low water use and water efficient (no trees are planned for removal).

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board

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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: _____ Date: 7/10/2024

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