

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| <p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> | <p>FROM: Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (Public 24116 Crest Forest Drive Agency) Crestline, CA 92325</p> |
| <p>Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of: San Bernardino 222 W. Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92507</p> | |

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| 1. Project Title: | CLAWA Booster Station No. 1 Gas Engine |
| 2. Project Applicant: | Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water Agency |
| 3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name): | <p>The project is in the northwest portion of the Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (CLAWA) district boundary, in the unincorporated area of the County near Lake Silverwood, County of San Bernardino (Figure 1– Vicinity Map). The project is located between Section 7 Township 2 North, Range 4 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (Figure 2 – USGS Map).</p> <p>The project consists of Assessor Parcel Number (APN 0341-141-34-0000). The Project site is located on the easterly portion of the Lake Silverwood Water Treatment Plant (WTP) along Highway 138 as shown in Figure 3 – Aerial Map.</p> |
| 4. (a) Project Location – City: | n/a |
| (b) Project Location – County: | San Bernardino |
| 5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project: | <p>This Project involves the installation of a 617-Horsepower (HP) natural gas engine and pump at the existing Booster Station No. 1. The Booster Station No.1 is located at the easternly portion of the Lake Silverwood WTP operated by CLAWA. The WTP is an actively operating disturbed/developed site and has the capacity to produce 5 million gallons per day of potable water. The Project would allow CLAWA the ability to continue to serve areas across the San Bernardino Mountains during peak demands in the event other pumps are out of service.</p> <p>Installation of the pump will require 900 SF to be disturbed for installation along with an 8-foot-wide pipeline trench extending for 150 linear feet. Thus, Project implementation would result in the disturbance of less than 2,500-square feet (SF) of a previously paved area at Booster Station No. 1 site within the</p> |

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| | <p>confines of the existing operating WTP. Since the Project is proposing to develop on previously disturbed and paved areas no vegetation or biological resources are present in the Project area.</p> <p>All project-related work will be confined by the footprint of the previously developed Booster Station No. 1.</p> <p>Beneficiaries of the project will be the permanent population within the Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water District boundary.</p> |
| 6. Name of Public Agency approving project: | Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water Agency |
| 7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: | Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water Agency |
| 8. Exempt status: (check one) | |
| (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project. | |
| (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project. | |
| (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project. | |
| (d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: | Class 3 Exemption – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (§15303) |
| (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency. | |
| (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number: | |
| (g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation: | General Rule – Review for Exemption (§15061(b)(3)) |
| 9. Reason why project was exempt: | <p>Class 3 Exemption – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (§15303)</p> <p>The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 3 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines §15303, which exempts the “...installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.”</p> <p>CLAWA owns and operates the WTP, which has a capacity of 5 million gallons per day. The developed Booster Station No. 1 located on the eastern portion of the WTP has continually provided water service to the communities in the San Bernardino Mountains, including areas from Cedarpines Park to Green Valley. The proposed Project would enhance the reliability of water delivery from the Lake Silverwood Water</p> |

Treatment Plan into CLAWA's transmission system.

The Project is proposing to install a 617-HP natural gas engine and pump with capacity to produce 750 gallons per minute at Booster Station No. 1 which would take up about 2,500 SF total of space within an existing parking/paved area. The new 617-HP engine and pump would provide redundancy to the existing pumps already operating on the WTP site. The new 617-HP gas engine and pump would ensure CLAWA can meet peak water demand in the event one of the existing pumps is out of service. Thus, the Project does not alter the existing capacity at the WTP.

The Project consists of disturbing a previously paved parking area at Booster Station No. 1. Approximately less than 2,500 SF total would be disturbed; 900 SF of an area disturbed for the new pump installation and a 8-foot wide pipeline trench extending for 150 linear feet to hook up the pump. The Project does not propose any offsite improvements or modifications outside the area of the existing operating WTP site.

Implementation of the Project would not result in an expansion of pumping capacity rather would provide CLAWA the ability to provide continuous reliable water services within the CLAWA service area in the event of pump failures. As such, the Project is consistent with the categorical exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines §15303.


Finally, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply here. The Project will not have any cumulative impacts; there is no reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; the Project does not affect any scenic highways or historical resources; and it is not located on a hazardous waste site.

**General Rule – Review for Exemption
(§15061(b)(3))**

The project is exempt from CEQA under the General Rule set forth in State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)), which exempts Project using the "...common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

As previously mentioned above, the Project is proposed within a previously developed Booster Station No. 1, specifically proposed along an existing paved parking area of the existing operating WTP

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| | <p>facility. Since the Project is proposing to develop on previously disturbed and paved area there are no environmental resources present to be impacted by the Project.</p> <p>The Project is proposing to install a 617-HP natural gas engine and pump with capacity to produce 750 gallons per minute at Booster Station No. 1 which would provide redundancy to the existing pumps. Therefore, the new 617-HP gas engine and pump would ensure CLAWA can meet peak water demand in the event one of the existing pumps is out of service. Thus, the Project does not alter the existing capacity at the WTP.</p> <p>Since the Project is proposed within an area that has been previously developed and would not increase existing pumping capacity the Project is consistent with the exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)).</p> |
| 10. Lead Agency Contact Person: | Jennifer Spindler, General Manager |
| Telephone: | (909) 338-1779 |
| 11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 13. Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____ | |

Signature:  Date: 7/11/2024 Title: General Manager
 Jennifer Spindler

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

