

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate  
Innovation, 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:** 2024070681, 2024070682, and 2024070683

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3810011-002C

**PROJECT TITLE:** “Lead Service Line Replacement, Contract Service Orders #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, and #17”; “Lead Service Line Replacement – Part B”; and “Lead Service Line Replacement – Part C”

**PROJECT LOCATION:** City and County of San Francisco

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board for the Project referred to internally as Water Service Line Replacement (LSL). The Project involves the removal and replacement of remaining lead-containing components in the City of San Francisco’s drinking water delivery infrastructure. Up to 593 lead service line replacement would be completed under the Project.

The Project is divided into three lead service line replacement sites (component). Each Project component would have independent utility and would be substantially less than one mile. The Applicant completed three separate Notice of Exemptions for the 593 replacement sites.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:**

Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on April 29, 2025 in accordance with the regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations, section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The San Francisco, Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of 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)

**Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

**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 consists of the operation and repair of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project also consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

**LEAD AGENCY:** San Francisco Planning Department

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Hannah Young

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Project records are available to the general public upon request 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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