

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| <p>TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of San Bernardino 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Fl. San Bernardino, CA 92415</p> <p>Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> | <p>FROM: Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency P.O. Box 517 121 Palomino Dr. Big Bear City, CA 92314 Phone: (909) 584-4018</p> |
| <p>Project Title:</p> | <p>Force Main Slip Lining Project</p> |
| <p>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> | <p>Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (“BBARWA”) service area (map of location where projects will occur is attached)</p> |
| <p>a) Project Location – City:</p> | <p>Big Bear City</p> |
| <p>Project Location – County:</p> | <p>County of San Bernardino</p> |
| <p>Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p> | <p>On July 24, 2024, the BBARWA Board of Directors approved the Force Main Slip Lining Project (“Project”).</p> <p>The 16-inch force main operates under high pressure, delivering all wastewater from the City of Big Bear Lake to the Agency’s Wastewater Treatment Plant. On March 11, 2023, the Agency was notified of a sewage spill near 42825 Big Bear Blvd., where staff discovered a 4-inch hole in the force main. On April 15, 2023, the Agency was alerted to a second sewage spill at the same location, revealing a 2-inch hole in the force main. Upon reviewing the construction drawings, it was determined that hydrogen sulfide gas, accumulating at the top of the pipe during low flow conditions, likely caused the corrosion.</p> <p>While emergency repairs were performed on these holes, the potential for a spill into Stanfield Marsh, recent high flows from the City of Big Bear Lake, limited storage at the Garstin ponds, and the risk of an influent overflow remains. A recent investigation revealed these repairs are necessary to avoid such risks.</p> <p>The project involves slip lining approximately 3,300 linear feet of existing 16-inch force main in certain parts of the BBARWA service area. All activities will occur within BBARWA’s right-of-way.</p> |
| <p>Name of Public Agency approving project:</p> | <p>Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency</p> |
| <p>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:</p> | <p>Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency P.O. Box 517 121 Palomino Dr. Big Bear City, CA 92314 Phone: (909) 584-4018</p> |

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| Exempt status: (check one) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Not a project. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption. State CEQA Guidelines § 15301 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other. Explanation: |
| Reason why project was exempt: | <p>The proposed Project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, §15301, Existing Facilities ("Class 1"). The Class 1 exemption allows, in part, for the repair of existing public mechanical equipment that will result in negligible or no expansion of former use. This includes the rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety. Here, the Project proposes repairs to the force main line, which are necessary to meet current standards of public health and safety and avoid any future risk. Through slip lining, the Project will repair the damaged force main line with negligible or no expansion of its former use.</p> <p>Finally, none of the "exceptions" to the categorical exemptions apply under State CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2.</p> |
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Date Received for Filing: _____

Signature (Lead Agency Representative)
David Lawrence/General Manager

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Project Map

Project Location Map

Fiscal Year 2025
(1) Force Main Slip Lining Project Limits

