

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:**

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**Project Applicant:** China Lake Naval Air- South Range (PWS 1503678)

**Project Title:** Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake – South Range ECR Central Site Potable Water Tank Replacement (Project)

**Project Location:** Randsburg Road & Randsburg Washington Rd., 35°31'12.7"N 117°17'46.6"W, 93555

**Project County:** San Bernardino

**Project Description:** The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a new 120,000-gallon steel water tank that will replace a 135,000-gallon water tank and remove an abandoned subsurface reservoir at an existing water storage facility. The new tank will be built on the site of the abandoned reservoir. Upon completion of the new water tank, the existing 135,000-gallon steel reservoir will be removed, and the surrounding area will be leveled.

**Public Agency Approving the Project:** State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a plan & specs. approval for the above-described Project on 10/28/2024. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

### **CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Class 1: Existing Facilities** Cal. Code of Regs., section 15301

**Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction** Cal. Code of Regs., section 15302

**Reason Why the Project Is Exempt:** The Project is exempt because it is the replacement and operation of a water storage tank at an existing water storage facility.

The new structure will serve the same purpose as the structure it is replacing and there is no increase in capacity. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

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