

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, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2024120247

PROJECT NUMBER: 1510012-011C

PROJECT TITLE: Valve and Pipeline Replacement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located throughout Lamont Public Utilities District, within Kern County. The pipeline component is located on Buena Vista Blvd, between Parish Avenue and Campbell Dr.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is financing the Project referred to internally as Valve and Pipeline Replacement - Incentive. The Project includes replacement of approximately 37 valves in the Lamont Public Utilities District water system and replacement of approximately 770 feet of existing pipeline.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on April 8, 2025 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Lamont Public Utilities District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

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

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Other Statutory Exemptions (right of way pipelines less than one mile)

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15282)

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 involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility

systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, as well as replacement of less than one mile pipeline within the existing right-of-way.

LEAD AGENCY: Lamont Public Utilities District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Scott Taylor

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Records of the 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.

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