

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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: N/A

PROJECT NUMBER: 0600121-001P

PROJECT TITLE: Big Sandy Rancheria Water System Capital Improvements (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located throughout Big Sandy Rancheria, within Fresno County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes a preliminary engineering evaluation and report, along with a preliminary design that will include the following: production well plan and site plan, well 5 pipeline connection, well abandonment plan, and instrumentation and controls conceptual plan.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on December 5, 2024 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 6: Information Collection

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Feasibility and Planning Studies

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

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

the environment. The Project is considered a feasibility or planning study. The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a major disturbance to the environment.

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Abbygayle Guevara

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A record of 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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