

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: [to be generated by State Clearinghouse]

PROJECT NUMBER: 8763-110

PROJECT TITLE: East Coachella Valley Sewer Consolidation Planning Project
(Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), based in Riverside, California, serves several cities, including Indian Wells, Cathedral City, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Coachella, Indio, and Rancho Mirage. The service area also covers unincorporated parts of Riverside County, such as Thousand Palms, Vista Santa Rosa, Mecca, and Thermal. Additionally, CVWD extends into a small portion of Imperial County along the northern banks of the Salton Sea, including the communities of Bombay Beach and Desert Shores.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as East Coachella Valley Sewer Consolidation Planning Project. The Project will complete preliminary engineering design to allow for the future consolidation of 150 septic systems into CVWD's sanitary sewer system to improve groundwater quality and sanitation within small communities, advancing the next set of high-priority sewer consolidation projects in the East Coachella Valley.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on December 23, 2024, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Coachella Valley Water District 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 water quality. The Project involves information collection activities and a feasibility study leading to an activity not yet approved, and it will not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: Coachella Valley Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jim Barrett

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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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