

## 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** (to be generated by State Clearinghouse)

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 8835-110

**PROJECT TITLE:** Atascadero Recycled Water Facilities Planning Study (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) is located at 8005 Gabarda Road, in the City of Atascadero, San Luis Obispo County, California. The study area will be focused within city limits but also evaluate the potential recycled water use in adjacent portions of the Atascadero Basin and Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

**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 Atascadero Recycled Water Facilities Planning Study. The Project will evaluate the potential for additional water reuse, inform water treatment design, discharge requirements, identification of alternatives, and design as a part of the program to upgrade the WRF to meet growth and regulatory requirements.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on January 17, 2025, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Atascadero 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, planning and design activities leading to an activity not yet approved, and it will not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Atascadero

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Nicholas Debar

**PHONE NUMBER:** (805) 470-3456

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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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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