

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

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** To be generated by SCH.

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 8721-110

**PROJECT TITLE:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The City of Gonzales' Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The Project will evaluate and develop documents necessary to upgrade the City of Gonzales' wastewater treatment plant and address a Notice of Violation issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board on March 6, 2024, for failure to comply with General Waste Discharge Requirements Order R3-2020-0020.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on March 13, 2025, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Gonzales 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 scope involves planning and feasibility studies, data collection, research, and experimental management and resource evaluation activities.

**PUBLIC AGENCY:** City of Gonzales

**PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Patrick Dobbins

**PHONE NUMBER:** (831) 675-5000

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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Matthew Metelitz

Title: Environmental Scientist Phone: (916) 322-0355