


<p>TO:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: Lake Arrowhead Community Services District</p> <p>(Public Agency) Address: P.O.Box 700 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.</p> <p>Contact: Catherine Cerri, General Manager</p> <p>Telephone: (909)336-7100</p>
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1. Project Title:	PFAS Removal Project No. 251, BWTP
2. Project Applicant:	Lake Arrowhead Community Services District 27307 State Hwy 189, Blue Jay, Ca 92317
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	27166 Bernina Drive, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352 34.26290, -117.21079
4. (a) Project Location – City:	(b) Project Location – County: San Bernardino
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	This project will install ion exchange cannisters in a new block building and related piping and appurtenances that will remove PFAS from drinking water at the Bernina Water Treatment Plant (BWTP). Because the equipment will not fit within the existing building, it will be housed in a new 2,000 square foot cinder block building built at the existing BWTP campus. Construction of the new small structure and new equipment at the BWTP is expected to take 15 months. The new equipment will not require any additional employees to be hired.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Lake Arrowhead Community Services District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Lake Arrowhead Community Services District
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3)
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

(e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	15303-Class 3
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	15061(b)(3)-Common Sense exemption.
9. Reason why project was exempt:	<p>This project will install ion exchange canisters and related piping and appurtenances at the existing Bernina Water Treatment Plant (BWTP). The new equipment will remove PFAS from drinking water. A new 2,000 square foot cinder block building will be constructed on the existing campus of the BWTP to house the new equipment. This is a standalone project with independent utility because the BWTP operates independently and its water is sampled independently and not blended, pursuant to the terms of the District's drinking water permit.</p> <p>The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 3 exemption for new construction of small structures. (CEQA Guidelines section 15303(c).) The building is less than 2,500 square feet in floor area and it will not house any significant amount of hazardous materials.</p> <p>The project is also exempt under the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The equipment is designed to improve the environment by removing PFAS from drinking water. Constructing a 2,000 square foot cinder block building at the existing BWTP campus will not have any significant adverse impacts given the small size of the building, the existing disturbed nature of the BWTP campus, and the absence of any biologically sensitive plants or wildlife species or critical habitat, as well as the absence of any cultural or historic resources. Once the building is constructed, the equipment will operate within the new small structure and will not expand the use of the existing BWTP.</p> <p>None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply. The location exception in section 15300.2(a) does not apply because the project site is already disturbed and is not located in a sensitive environment, as demonstrated by the biological resources report. The cumulative impacts exception in section 15300.2(b) does not apply because (1) this project will have a positive impact on the environment in that it will remove PFAS from drinking water; and (2) the District is contemplating only one other, separate PFAS removal project, at the Cedar Glen Water Treatment Plant, which will also have positive impacts on the environment by removing PFAS. As such, the cumulative impact of these two separate projects will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The significant impacts exception in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) does not apply because there are no unusual circumstances related to the project or the site and there is no possibility of any significant impacts due to unusual circumstances, because of the limited nature of the project. Specifically, the project would construct a small new building to house equipment at the existing BWTP campus. The scenic highway exception in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(d) does not apply because there are no scenic resources on the project site and because of the limited scope of the project. The hazardous waste exception in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(e) does not apply because the site is not listed on the Cortese-Knox list. Finally, the historical resources exception in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(f) does not apply because there are no historical resources on site.</p>

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Catherine Cerri, General Manager 909-336-7102
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing. [Not Applicable]	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: April 22, 2025	



 Signature

Date: 4/23/2025

Catherine Cerri

 Name

Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.