

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Applicant: Willis Construction

Project Title: Operation of Willis Construction Arsenic Treatment (Project)

Project Location: 2261 San Juan Highway, San Juan Bautista, 95045, APN: 012-010-010

Project County: San Benito

Project Description: The Applicant proposes to install and operate an arsenic treatment system that was be added to an existing water system on an existing concrete pad. The arsenic treatment system consists of a contact tank, three filter vessels, and a backwash tank. The pyrolusite filter media can last up to 20 years without being replaced. Once media is replaced it is tested and disposed of at a landfill or hazardous waste site depending on the arsenic waste extraction test results.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a permit amendment for the above-described Project on April 28, 2025. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 1: Existing Facilities Cal. Code of Regs., section 15301

Class 3: New Small Construction Cal. Code of Regs., section 15303

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The project is exempt because it is the construction of a new, small water treatment system on an existing industrial site. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

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