



Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Lake Water Quality Plan Projects

Project Applicant: City of Lake Elsinore, 130 S. Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Project Location (Specific): Lake Elsinore (APN 381-020-003)

Project Location (City): City of Lake Elsinore

Project Location (County): Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Lake Water Quality Plan is not one large project but a road map approach with several strategies to improve the Lake. This road map includes immediate and long-term water treatment projects that will work together to improve the Lake. The Lake Water Quality Plan projects include Nannobubble Treatment with an oxygen concentrator system to produce oxygen and ozone injected into the nanobubbles, Algaecide and Phosphorus Treatments.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lake Elsinore

Name of Person / Agency Administrating Project: Adam Gufarotti, Community Support Manager, City of Lake Elsinore

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268)
Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
[X] Categorical Exemption (state type and section number): The Lake Water Quality Plan Projects (Project) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Publ. Res. Code §§21000 et seq. "CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines (14. Cal. Code Regs §§15000 et seq.), specifically pursuant to pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities). Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. (h) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code); and (i) Maintenance of fish screens, fish ladders, wildlife habitat areas, artificial wildlife waterway devices, streamflows, springs and waterholes, and stream channels (clearing of debris) to protect fish and wildlife resources.
Statutory Exemption (state type and section number)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lake Elsinore has a history of algae blooms and frequent water quality challenges. The natural water flow through the San Jacinto Watershed carries nutrient-rich sediment which carries high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus that contribute to water quality issues and threaten aquatic life in Lake Elsinore. The proposed Project involves infusing oxygen to improve oxygen levels and installing specialized boom socks filled with phosphorus-absorbing pellets which will prevent the release of phosphorus from its sediment layer. The Project involves maintenance work only to improve the water quality of Lake Elsinore and does not involve any expansion of use.

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