

## 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:** 2017108037

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 2000553-001P

**PROJECT TITLE:** Valeta Water System Improvement Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Project is located throughout the Madera County Maintenance District 85 Valeta (MD-85) Chowchilla, California 93610 in Madera County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes the planning phase for a new well, hydrants, and meters. The project scope will include construction CEQA evaluation, drilling a test well, project design and specifications, a pilot study, if applicable, and feasibility, planning, consolidation, rate, and environmental studies.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on May 19, 2021 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Madera County Public Works Department 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)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. Project involves basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Madera County Public Works Department

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Robert Mansfield

**PHONE NUMBER:** (559)-675-7821

A record of 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5/19/2021

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