

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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FROM:
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #: 2016108007

PROJECT #: 3301153-001C

PROJECT TITLE: The Westside School Water Infrastructure Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 82225 Airport Blvd, Thermal CA, Riverside 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 replacing the existing dilapidated water storage tank with a new 127,000-gallon storage tank. The Project will also rehabilitate two existing groundwater wells. New booster pumps, hydropneumatics tanks, and a fire flow pump will be installed. A new control system will be installed with an auto-dialer type alarm system. The backup power system will include an emergency generator, switchgear, batteries, and battery chargers.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on February 11, 2020 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Coachella Valley Unified School District (USD) will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 1: Existing Facilities

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301).

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption(s) selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities.

LEAD AGENCY: Coachella Valley USD

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Elsa Esqueda

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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, 16th 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.

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