

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
(Categorical)

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**FROM:** State Water Resources Control Board  
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**SCH#:** 2016118243

**Project #:** 1502607-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Piute Mountain Elementary School Fluoride Remediation Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Project is located on the grounds of Piute Mountain Elementary School in Caliente, California 93518 in Kern County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the responsible agency. The SWRCB's Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) Program is providing state funds for the project. The Caliente Union School District proposes to implement two main elements including the installation of a potable water system and separation and improvements to irrigation and fire protection systems.

**Potable Water System:** The Project will equip Well No. 5, to provide potable water, with a submersible pump and motor, a 15,000-gallon steel storage tank, booster pump station, chlorine injection tank and pump, electrical controls, and other appurtenances. Additionally, the Project will install water piping for potable water supply to school buildings and drinking water fountains. The Project will equip the site to blend water from Well No. 5 with water from the existing Well No. 1. This site will be fenced for security purposes.

**Irrigation and Fire Protection Systems:** The other existing wells on site (namely, Wells No. 2 and 4) will be used to water landscaping and recreational fields and for fire repression. This system will receive upgrades. The three existing 15,000-gallon storage tanks will be replaced with a 30,000-gallon tank for fire suppression. It also will be connected to the new 15,000-gallon potable water storage tank for redundancy. Note that the interconnecting piping will have a removable spool to prevent cross-contamination between the potable system and the irrigation system. The booster pump system will be enclosed in a wood-framed building and the site will be fenced for security.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The SWRCB has approved the project described above on 10/28/2019, and has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Caliente Union School District will be carrying out the project.

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

Class 1 Existing Facilities  
(CCR, Title 14, Sec 15301 and Title 22, Section 60101 (a))

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project is exempt because it consists of the repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

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.

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