

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Categorical)

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WATER SYSTEM #: 3610049

PROJECT TITLE: Twentynine Palms Water District, Well #11B

PROJECT LOCATION: The well is located to the north of Twentynine Palms Highway (Route 62), bounded by Lee Road to the west and Que Pas Lane to the east, in the vicinity of 67350 Twentynine Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), as the responsible agency, will be issuing a water supply permit. The Twentynine Palms Water District proposes to replace the existing Well #11 with a new well (Well #11B) of the same capacity to provide potable water to the community of Twentynine Palms. Well #11B will be constructed on the same parcel, approximately 125-feet north of the existing well, and is projected to be 500 feet in depth with a pumping capacity of 400 gallons per minute. An existing chain link fence will be expanded to encompass the new well site. A 25' x 25' pad will be prepared for the well site, and an existing access road to the well site will be improved.

An existing permitted arsenic removal system with a 400 gallon per minute capacity is anticipated to be used once the water quality data from the well is determined to be high in arsenic. This arsenic removal system is previously existing and not part of this project.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a water supply permit **05-13-19PA-011** for the above described project on **September 5, 2019**, and concurs with the Twentynine Palms Water District that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. A record of permit issuance for the project is available to the general public at the State Water Board Division of Drinking Water District office noted above.

Categorical Exemption Status:

Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction
(CCR, Title 14, Sec 15302 and Title 22, Section 60101 (b))

Reason why project is exempt: The proposed project is the replacement of an existing drinking water well that is no longer functioning. The new well will be constructed on the same parcel, will have the same purpose and capacity as the well that is being replaced.

The State Water Board is a responsible agency for this project and is not responsible for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife filing fees.

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