

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 #: 2017108460

PROJECT #: 3610032-001C

PROJECT TITLE: City of Needles Upper System Upgrades for Fire Flow and Reliability Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Needles, San Bernardino County CA

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 construction a new pump station and replace approximately 150 feet of existing piping to update the current water supply infrastructure. Grading and other ground disturbance will occur within the current water system footprint. The purpose of the Project is to relieve bottle necking to the existing water tank and increase the booster pump water capacity.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on April 14, 2020 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Applicant will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

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 Class 2 exemption involves replacement/ reconstruction of existing structures or facilities on the same site having substantially the same purpose.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Needles

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jerry Porter

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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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