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, 16th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2018088283

PROJECT NUMBER: 5010033-001P

PROJECT TITLE: Grayson Water Infrastructure (Project) (Grayson Water Infrastructure Improvements, Planning Phase)

PROJECT LOCATION: Community of Grayson, Stanislaus County, California 95363

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 the improvement and refurbishment of a water system infrastructure serving the community of Grayson. One or more test bores may be required as a part of the information-gathering phase of the planning and design process. If a pilot study is deemed necessary, it would involve collecting water samples from the well to establish source water quality. If this sampling effort is not sufficient, a temporary skid-mounted system would be installed to confirm design assumptions. The applicant would then proceed with final design of the proposed treatment system.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on May 10, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Modesto 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. The Project qualifies for exemption because it consists of basic data

collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Modesto

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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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