

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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

SCH #: 2017068533

PROJECT #: 5510009-003C

PROJECT TITLE: Big Creek and Second Garrotte Clearwell Rehabilitation (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Project is located at the Big Creek and Second Garrotte Pump Stations. The Big Creek Pump Station is located approximately one-half mile north of the intersection of Big Oak Flat Rd and Big Creek Shaft Rd. The Second Garrotte Pump Station is located approximately three miles downstream of the Big Creek Station in Groveland, California in Tuolumne County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project includes rehabilitation of two clearwells (namely, the Big Creek and Second Garrotte Clearwells) used by Groveland Community Services District. The clearwells hold a 2 million gallon capacity. These baffled, welded steel tanks are 125 feet in diameter, and 24 feet above ground.

Rehabilitation work includes the removal of the existing epoxy coating and application of a new coating to the steel tank surfaces. A condition assessment of the interior will determine the number of structural members that need to be replaced. The work will require removal of the existing baffles in order to apply the coating thoroughly to each of the tank surfaces.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on March 10, 2020 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Groveland Community Services District 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 selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project qualifies for exemption because it consists of the repair and maintenance of existing structures involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

LEAD AGENCY: Groveland Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jon Sterling

PHONE NUMBER: (209)-962-7161

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.

Signature: Bridget Binning Date: 3/11/2020

Name: Bridget Binning Title: Senior Environmental Scientist Phone: (916)-449-5641

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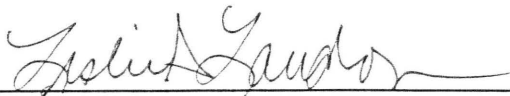
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination

Groveland Community Services District (Applicant)
Big Creek and Second Garrotte Clearwell Rehabilitation (Project)
Project Number: 5510009-003C

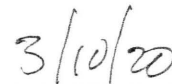
As the Deputy Director for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance, I have been delegated the authority to approve and execute the financing agreement for projects that are routine and non-controversial. The execution of the financing agreement is an action that is subject to CEQA. The authority to make this CEQA determination necessarily accompanies the delegation to approve and execute the financing agreement for this Project. I hereby find the following:

1. The Applicant is the CEQA Lead Agency and the State Water Board is a Responsible Agency under CEQA. The Applicant approved a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Project on June 26, 2017, and filed an NOE with the Tuolumne County Clerk on June 26, 2017 and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse on June 26, 2017 (No. 2017068533).
2. This Project is categorically exempt under the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301. The Project qualifies for an exemption because it consists of the repair and maintenance of existing structures involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.
3. The Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

A final copy of the NOE and record of financing approval for the Project are available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.



Leslie Laudon, Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance



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