

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board
Los Angeles District Office
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SCH#:

WATER SYSTEM #: 1910039

PROJECT TITLE: San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) - Plant W6 Ion Exchange (IX) Treatment System Project (Project)

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

CONTACT PERSON: Cliff Cheng

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PROJECT LOCATION: 10515 Dunlap Crossing Road Whittier, CA 90606

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The SGVWC proposes to construct an IX treatment facility for their existing water system in order to decrease the amount of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to be lower than the State Water Board's Notification Levels (NLs). The Project will include the replacement of 240-feet of 24-inch water main piping. Additionally, a 3,000-feet² (ft²) concrete pad will be installed and the IX treatment system will be constructed on the pad. The IX system will have a capacity of 7,000 gallons per minute. The waste will be removed and tested by the system's vendor before being delivered to a hazardous waste facility. The construction area is approximately 7,840-ft². The Project location is a 47,000-ft² concrete lot currently used by SGVWC to produce, store and distribute drinking water using well pumps and storage tanks. The surrounding area is urbanized, densely populated, and surrounded by wrought iron fencing and concrete block walls.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: This is to advise that the State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and will issue a drinking water supply permit for the operation of the *above* described Project. A record of permit issuance for the Project will be available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water District Office noted *above*.

Categorical Exemption Status:

- [X] Class 1 Existing Facilities
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301)
- [X] Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15303)

Reason why Project is exempt: The Project location is in an urbanized area devoid of sensitive environmental resources. The Project involves the construction of an additional small structure on a concrete/gravel lot that is currently used for drinking water production, storage and distribution.

Signature: Shu-Fang Orr

Date: March 26, 2020

Name: Shu-Fang Orr

Title: District Engineer

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State Water Resources Control Board

TO: Shu-Fang Orr, District Engineer
Los Angeles District Office
Division of Drinking Water

FROM: Wendy Pierce, Senior Environmental Scientist *WP*
Special Project Review Unit
Division of Financial Assistance

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Special Project Review Unit
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DATE: March 5, 2020

SUBJECT: WATER SUPPLY PERMIT (PERMIT) FINDINGS FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
WATER COMPANY (SGVWC), PLANT W6 ION EXCHANGE (IX) TREATMENT
SYSTEM PROJECT (PROJECT), WATER SYSTEM ID NUMBER 1910039

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), as lead agency pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the Environmental Information Form prepared by SGVWC on January 28, 2020.

Project Description:

The SGVWC proposes to construct an IX treatment facility at 10515 Dunlap Crossing Road in Whittier, CA 90606 for their existing water system in order to decrease the amount of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to adhere to the State Water Board's maximum contaminant levels standards. The Project will include the replacement of 240-feet of 24-inch water main piping. Additionally, a 3,000-foot² (ft²) concrete pad will be installed and the IX treatment system will be constructed on the pad. The IX system will have a capacity of 7,000 gallons per minute. The waste will be removed and tested by the system's vendor before being delivered to a hazardous waste facility. The construction area is approximately 7,840-ft². The Project location is a 47,000-ft² concrete lot currently used by SGVWC to produce, store and distribute drinking water using well pumps and storage tanks. The surrounding area is urbanized, densely populated, and surrounded by wrought iron fencing and concrete block walls.

Determination:

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, Special Project Review (SPR) Unit staff determined that this Project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301, class 1, and section 15303, class 3. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15062, the State Water Board

will file a Notice of Exemption with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

As a lead agency, the State Water Board has considered the Environmental Information Form and the Project description and SPR Unit staff has determined the following findings for the Project:

- The Project is exempt from CEQA under:
 - ☒ Class 1 Existing Facilities (CCR, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301)
 - ☒ Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (CCR, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15303)
- There are no recommended Permit conditions.

cc: Cliff Cheng
Associate Sanitary Engineer

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