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: 2020060050

PROJECT NUMBER: 5000389-003P

PROJECT TITLE: Monterey Park Tract Community Services District Water Distribution

Lines Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: At the Monterey Park Tract along Foy Ave and Monterey Ave in

Ceres, California 95307 in Stanislaus County

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 evaluation of the water distribution system to find solutions to lower operations and maintenance costs. No ground-breaking activities will be performed.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on March 20, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Monterey Park Tract Community Services District 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 involves basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

LEAD AGENCY: Monterey Park Tract Community Services District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Francisco Diaz

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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.

| Signature: | Date: | April 4, 2022 | _ |
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