NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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#:

PROJECT #: 36497; AGREEMENT#: SWRCB000000000D1917005

PROJECT TITLE: Feasibility Analyses and Technical Evaluations Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resiliency (SAFER) Drinking Water Program is financing the Project. The State Water Board approved funding for the Project on February 26, 2020. The Project is to provide technical assistance to perform feasibility analyses and technical evaluations related to consolidation, source/storage capacity, distribution, and treatment to small disadvantaged communities statewide. The Project may provide emergency operational support for water systems.

ENTITY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: California Rural Water Association

EXEMPT STATUS:

☐ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15306)

Statutory Exemption (Sec. 15262).

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This is to advise that the State Water Board made CEQA determinations and approved SAFER grant funding for the Project on the date specified below. This is to certify that the record of funding approval for the Project is available to the public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at the above address.

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board

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