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To: San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board 385 North Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power P.O. Box 1929 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

DATE FILED & POSTED Posted On <u>4-27-23</u>

Project Title: City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power (DWP) Pontell Hydropneumatic System Project

Project Location: Department of Water and Power serves potable water to several locations within the Bear Valley and the Pontell Booster Station is adjacent to Glenwood Drive in the City of Big Bear Lake.

Project Location - City: City of Big Bear Lake

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose,

and Beneficiaries of the Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a hydropneumatic tank to reduce the percentage of time that the existing booster station must be in operation. The proposed action will install a new 5,000-gallon hydropneumatic system, about 100 feet of site piping, a control panel, and a pre-fabricated insulated fiberglass enclosure to prevent the tank from freezing.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water & Power

Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project: _City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water & Power

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- ✓ Categorical Exemption (Sections 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines) [] EPK OF THE BRARD

Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of Categorical Exemptions for actions that have been deemed by the State Legislature to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed installation of the 5,000-gallon hydropneumatic tank and supporting infrastructure at the existing Pontell Booster Station has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will provide the Department with a hydropneumatic tank to protect the potable water distribution system into the future. Categorical Exemption Class 3 exempts "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures;" (d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction." The exceptions to the issuance of categorical exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed action and no significant impacts have been identified. The proposed installation and future operations and maintenance of the new Pontell Hydropneumatic Tank has been determined not to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any of the exceptions. Therefore, the proposed action gualifies with the requirements for a Categorical Exemption, Class 3, under Section 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: <u>Reginald A. Lamson</u>				Telephone: <u>(909) 866-5050</u>				
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