

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate  
Innovation, State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2023020382

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 4210010-006C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Cater Water Treatment Plant's Finished Water Reservoir Resiliency Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 1150 San Roque Road, City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project. The Project to be funded by the State Water Board includes replacement of the existing sludge drying bed with a new 2.5-million-gallon chlorine contact basin, upgrades to the existing water reservoir and sludge drying basin, and extension of the existing gravel roadway with electric conduit and piping placed under the improved portion. The Project also includes the installation of new ground mounted solar panels, a new biofiltration basin with associated stormwater piping and demolition of the existing solids recovery basin and retaining wall.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on May 30, 2025 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Santa Barbara 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)

**Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Santa Barbara

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Kaitlin Mamulski

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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