

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, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2024040830

PROJECT NUMBER: 5304209-001C

PROJECT TITLE: Junction City Elementary School Water Filtration and Treatment System Upgrade Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 430 Red Hill Road, Junction City, Trinity County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as Water Filtration and Treatment System Upgrade Project. The components of the Project to be funded by the State Water Resources Control Board include retrofitting and upgrading the water treatment plant (WTP) by replacing filtration media, pumps, and appurtenances; recoating the interior and exterior of the WTP unit and the 12,000-gallon storage tank; installing a new concrete pad, 150-kilowatt propane-fueled emergency power generator, two 1,000-gallon propane tanks, and fencing around the equipment; and constructing a concrete or block (concrete masonry unit) retaining wall. Temporary water filtration and storage tanks would be installed to supply the school with drinking water during the Project construction. The temporary water filtration system would either be removed upon Project completion, or kept in place as a permanent backup filtration system in the case of an emergency. Staging of materials and construction equipment would occur at the Project site.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on January 16, 2026 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Junction City Elementary School District 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 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 has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, and installation of small new equipment.

LEAD AGENCY: Junction City School District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Christine Camara

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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, 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.

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