

## 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:** 2024080260

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3301630-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Hidden Beaches Water Supply System Improvement Project,  
(Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located at 4551 Hidden Beaches Drive, City of  
Blythe, within Riverside County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project. The Project includes installing a package water treatment system to reduce manganese levels in the source water; replacing the existing 355,000-gallon storage tank with a 355,000-gallon bolted steel tank; installing a new 450 gallons per minute well; and upgrading an existing modular office building by adding a restroom and an American with Disabilities Act-compliant entry ramp.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on April 23, 2026 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Blythe 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)

**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 replacing or reconstructing existing utility systems or facilities with negligible or no increase in capacity. The Project also involves constructing small new structures for a well system and making minor changes to private structures or equipment with little or no expansion of use.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Blythe

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Mallory Crecelius

**PHONE NUMBER:** (760) 922-6161

Records of the financing approval for the Project is 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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