

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: 2025020658

PROJECT NUMBER: 3701837-001P

PROJECT TITLE: Design & Planning for a new drinking water system for Wynola Estates (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the Wynola Estates Community, City of Santa Ysabel, within San Diego County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as Wynola Estates Drinking Water Treatment and Supply. The Project includes the development of a treatment plan to address the following issues: manganese concentrations that exceed secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels, excess iron concentrations, and occurrence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and related compounds as these have been detected in raw water wells. The design will also include mitigation to reduce potential impacts from the production of Disinfection Byproducts, the degradation of the existing asbestos cement water mains, and the release of related liquid waste.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on March 3, 2026 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Wynola Water District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 6: Information Collection

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Feasibility and Planning Studies

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

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 includes planning studies, basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which the agency has not approved or funded.

LEAD AGENCY: Wynola Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jim Madaffer

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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, 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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