

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: 2025070661

PROJECT NUMBER: 8587-210

PROJECT TITLE: Chester WWTP NPDES Permit Compliance Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 1st Avenue, Lorraine Drive, Andrews Road, 2nd Avenue,
unincorporated Plumas 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 the NPDES Permit Compliance Project. The Project includes the following improvements to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP): improvements to the headworks, installation of piping to connect new facilities, new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, emergency standby generator, and automatic transfer switch. The Project also includes construction of two Submerged Attached Growth Reactors, a recycle pump station, control/blower building, contact chlorine basin, an on-site sodium hypochlorite generation facility, and removal of the existing dried sludge pile located to the northeast of the ponds at the WWTP.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved funding for the Project described above on May 29, 2026, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Chester Public Utilities 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 improvements to the Chester Public Utilities District's existing WWTP facility to ensure compliance with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements. The Project will not result in any expansion of the sewer system.

LEAD AGENCY: Chester Public Utilities District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Bonnie Mullaney

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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.

Signature: _____

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