

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

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Project Applicant: National Park Service - Death Valley Stovepipe Wells

Project Title: Well 1A– Water Supply Permit Amendment (Project)

Project Location: South of the intersection of Cottonwood Canyon Rd. and Highway 190, coordinates 36.600296, -117.146088

Project County: Inyo

Project Description: The Applicant proposes to operate a replacement well (Well 1A) at the existing Well 1 and Reverse Osmosis Plant site. The new well replaced failing Well 1, which has been destroyed. In addition, two other abandoned wells were properly destroyed because they presented a contamination risk to the groundwater.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a domestic water supply permit amendment for the above-described Project on July 31, 2025. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS: **Class 1: Existing Facilities** Cal. Code of Regs., section 15301 **Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction** Cal. Code of Regs., section 15302

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Project is exempt because it involves minor modification of an existing facility and includes the replacement of an existing well that will be located on the same site as the well replaced. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

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