

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Inyo

166 North Edwards Street

Independence, CA 93526

From: (Public Agency): City of Bishop

Public Works Department

377 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514

(Address)

Project Title: City of Bishop West Line Water Main Project

Project Applicant: City of Bishop Public Works Department

Project Location - Specific:

SR-168 (Mountain View Rd – Main St), 37.3612° N, 118.4230° W

Project Location - City: Bishop

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will replace approximately 2,025 feet of existing 8-inch steel pipeline running along State Route (SR)-168 from Home Street to Main Street. The new pipeline will consist of a 12-inch ductile iron pipe. Initially, this project planned to use C-900 PVC pipe, however due to utility conflicts, the design team, in conjunction with the City, decided to upgrade the pipe material for utility crossing locations to improve protection against potential contamination. This project also includes the installation of multiple isolation valves to the west of the new pipe installation. These valves will be installed along the existing 12-inch main running along SR-168 extending west from the Home Street intersection out to well 4. The valves will be strategically placed to facilitate potential future connections to the water main and ensure compliance with American Water Works Association (AWWA) valve spacing standards.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Bishop

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Bishop Public Works Department

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301: Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would replace an existing water pipeline along SR 49. The new pipeline would be installed within the current alignment of the existing pipeline and would be composed of improved materials to protect against contamination. Isolation valves will be installed to allow for potential future connections to the pipeline; however, no expansion of system capacity is planned at this time.

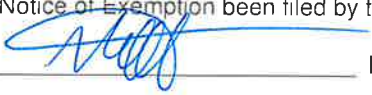
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nora Gamino

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☒

Signature:  Date: 10/16/2025 Title: Principal Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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