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Appendix E

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San Bernardino County
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: (Public Agency): **Inland Empire Utilities Agency**
(Project Applicant)
6075 Kimball Avenue
Chino, CA 91708

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Project Title: RP-1 Primary Clarifiers Rehabilitation Project (EN24032)

Project Location - Specific: The primary clarifiers associated with the rehabilitation are located at the IEUA Regional Water Recycling Plant No. 1 in the City of Ontario.

Project Location - City: Ontario **Project Location - County:** San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Inland Empire Utilities Agency proposes to rehabilitate ten rectangular primary clarifiers at the IEUA Regional Water Recycling Plant No. 1 through improvements to the primary clarifiers sludge collection systems, scum collection systems, internal concrete surfaces, covers, fall protection, and scum pumping system. The project will involve receiving new equipment at the Plant No. 1, removing the existing equipment and installing the new equipment within the same general location at Plant No. 1. No new buildings are anticipated. The capacity and function of the facility would not change.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declaration Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3);15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 21084; 15302(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of categorical exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed upgrades to the mechanical and electrical equipment including replacement of pumps and scum well, concrete repair, installation of chain and flights, replacement of covers and installation of fall protection have been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will ensure that the primary clarifiers can continue to operate in an efficient and safe manner. Categorical Exemption Class 2 exempts "*the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to...c) replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity*". The exceptions to the issuance of categorical exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed project locations to further substantiate the use of Categorical Exemption, Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction (15302(c)) for this project. The proposed equipment upgrades have been determined not to have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any construction or operational activities. Therefore, this proposed project is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies for a Class 2 Exemption.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Pietro Cambiaso **Telephone/Extension:** (909) 993-1600

Signature: [signature] Date: 11/24/25 Title: Manager of Compliance and Sustainability
☒ 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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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	-	(909)993-1600

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
6075 Kimball Ave	Chino	CA	91708

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$	0.00
☑ Exempt from fee			
☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)			
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$	50.00
☐ Other		$	

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