

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

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Project Applicant: Owens Peak West Water Co.

Project Title: Owens Peak West Water Co. Replacement Well #2 Project (Project)

Project Location: 350 Owens Peak St, Inyokern, CA 93527. Between Denise Ave and Coso Ave, Inyokern, CA.

Project County: Kern

Project Description: The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a new well (Well No. 2) to replace Well No. 1 at its existing well facility. Well No. 1 will be converted to stand-by status.

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 well-site approval for the above-described Project on December 23, 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 2: Replacement or Reconstruction Cal. Code of Regs., section 15302

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Project is exempt because it is a replacement well on the same site as the well being replaced with no capacity increase. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

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