

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: To be generated by SCH.

PROJECT TITLE: Tier 2 – Secondary Urgency Projects (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide

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 Tier 2 – Secondary Urgency Projects. Between March 20 and March 26, 2026, the Division of Financial Assistance received Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funding applications from five Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Boards) and the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality (DWQ). The requested funding is proposed to be put towards the State Water Board's Statewide Chemistry Contract (26-XXX-270, Chemistry Contract), San Jose State University Research Foundation (24-059-270, SJSURF Contract), and University of California, Davis (24-057-270, UC Davis Contract), all of which are managed by the State Water Board's Office of Information Management and Analysis.

The Project includes water quality sampling, monitoring, and analysis from sites across the State. While proposed sampling locations range from cleanup sites to specific waterbodies, to broader regionwide monitoring, the use of the requested funding across the various Regional Boards and DWQ have the same goal to monitor and gather data so that further site characterization is possible, to proactively prevent potentially negative impacts to waters of the State (either surface or groundwater).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved funding for the Project described above on March 27, 2026, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Regional Boards and DWQ will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 6: Information Collection

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Feasibility and Planning Studies

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a potential significant impact on water quality. The Project includes information collection, analysis, and studies to prevent negative impacts to waters of the State.

PUBLIC AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is 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.

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