

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 CEQAsubmit

PROJECT NUMBER: 8871-110

PROJECT TITLE: City of Scotts Valley Wastewater and Recycled Water Facility
Planning Study (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Scotts Valley, County of Santa Cruz

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Wastewater and Recycled Water Facility Planning Study. The Project includes developing a comprehensive planning study to evaluate the feasibility of improving reliability of and expanding recycled water use in the City of Scotts Valley. The study will address water conservation challenges, improve water resource management, and reduce reliance on fresh/potable water supplies for non-potable uses. The study will also aim to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, accommodate future population growth, and enhance the efficiency, capacity, and reliability of the City's wastewater and recycled water facilities.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on April 27, 2026, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Scotts Valley 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 significant impact on water quality. The Project involves feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions, and basic data collection, research and evaluation activities which do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Scotts Valley

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Mali LaGoe

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are 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.

Signature: _____

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