

## 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** N/A

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 1510033-004C

**PROJECT TITLE:** RS Mutual Water Company Consolidation Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Unincorporated community of Wofford Heights, Kern County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the Lead Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is financing the Project. The Project includes the installation of new waterlines and hydrants to the communities on Maple Lane and Mulberry Lane in Wofford Heights. The Project would connect the new waterline along Maple Lane and Mulberry Lane to an existing waterline that runs through Cypress Lane. Approximately 715 feet (0.14 mile) of new waterline and an apparatus would be installed as well as 23 1-inch domestic water meters and two hydrants on the existing waterline parallel to Cypress Lane. Waterlines would be placed underground within the existing roads, which are unpaved but compacted and well-established. The Well No. 1, the existing storage tank, and other well site facilities will be destroyed and removed.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on May 27, 2026 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The California Water Service Company will be carrying out the Project.

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

**STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Other Statutory Exemptions (right of way pipelines less than one mile)**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15282)

**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 the environment. The Project involves the installation of new pipeline not exceeding one mile in length as set forth in section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as well as construction of limited new, small structures involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Abbygayle Guevara

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A record of financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> 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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