

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: [pending State Clearinghouse]

PROJECT NUMBER: 8825-110

PROJECT TITLE: City of Rialto Septic-to-Sewer Disadvantaged Communities Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project will be conducted in five neighborhoods within the City of Rialto: Shamrock, Maple Misc., Bloomington Avenue North of Randall, Bloomington Avenue South of Randall, and Pomona/Iris, located at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains in the San Bernardino Valley, within San Bernardino County, California.

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 City of Rialto Septic-to-Sewer Disadvantaged Communities Project. The Project consists of tasks including project administration, outreach, planning, design, and grant reporting. These activities will be carried out to confirm the location of existing septic systems, engage the community, conduct a feasibility study, prepare environmental documentation, and develop engineering designs. The future goal is to transition approximately 221 residential properties from outdated septic systems to a centralized sewer system in disadvantaged areas of Rialto.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on May 28, 2026, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Rialto 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 is exempt from CEQA because it consists solely of feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions and involves basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Rialto

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Sachin Chawla

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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.

Signature: _____

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