

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources

Control Board, Division of Drinking Water

1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) Emergency Regulation (SWRCB-DDW-26-001E)

Project Applicant: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water

Project Location - Specific:

Statewide

Project Location - City: Statewide Project Location - County: Statewide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The emergency regulation adopts the federal LCRI into the California Code of Regulations, with nonsubstantive modifications. The LCRI builds on the federal Lead and Copper Rule and federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions to strengthen requirements to protect children and adults from lead in drinking water.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Division of Drinking Water

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The emergency regulation qualifies for the common sense exemption because it directly adopts existing federal regulations with which all public water systems must already comply. Therefore, because the State Water Board's adoption of the emergency regulations does not change the regulatory requirements which apply to public water systems, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that there will be a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Wes Stieringer-Sisneros Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (909) 383-4392

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Wes Stieringer-Sisneros  Digitally signed by Wes Stieringer-Sisneros
Date: 8/19/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____