NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROJECT TITLE: DWQ Stormwater CII Sampling Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Various Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional facilities throughout the State.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as DWQ Stormwater CII Sampling Project. On August 31, 2026, the Division of Financial Assistance received Cleanup and Abatement Account Tier 2 funding applications from the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) for the Storm Water Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Facilities Sampling. The request is supported by the Assistant Deputy Director of DWQ, Nick Martorano.

The Project includes monitoring and sampling stormwater discharges originating from CII facilities across the state with emphasis on rural regions and disadvantaged communities. The Project is a six-month monitoring and sampling effort designed to fill water quality data gaps to help determine whether additional regulatory measures are needed to reduce pollutant loads from CII facilities across the State. This work will help identify whether CII facilities contribute to disproportionately high pollutant concentrations commonly found in stormwater and will help guide future Water Board decision-making regarding potential regulation of these facilities.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved funding for the Project described above on October 23, 2026, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The State Water Board, 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)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on

water quality. The Project is exempt because it involves data collection and analysis activities which will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

PUBLIC AGENCY: State Water Board, DWQ

PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jarma Bennett

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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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