

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Categorical)

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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board
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SCH#: 2016018262**Project #:** 5000408-001C**PROJECT TITLE:** Westley Community Services District Water Metering Project**PROJECT LOCATION:** In the vicinity of Westley, CA, Stanislaus County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the responsible agency. The SWRCB's Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) Program is providing funds for the project. The Westley Community Services District proposes to conduct a project to decrease unaccounted water losses and improve system maintenance. The project consists of the replacement of three fire hydrants, fifteen commercial backflow preventers, twelve water valves, and thirty-nine service laterals and ball corporation stops. The total length of laterals to be replaced will not exceed 975 feet, and will take place at the location of existing laterals (existing laterals will be removed). Remote read water meters will be installed on the new service laterals for the water distribution system. Water meters will be installed on approximately thirty-nine service connections (23 residential, 15 commercial, and 1 school), within the Westley Community Services District service area boundary. In addition, two master flow meters will be installed on the two eight-inch distribution lines from the two groundwater wells owned by the Stanislaus County Housing Authority. Construction will occur within previously disturbed areas within the existing county right-of-way or on private property. The new water facilities will be located on the same site as the replaced structures and will have the same purpose.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The SWRCB approved this project on June 28, 2019 and will be carried out by Westley Community Services District.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

- ☐ Class 1 Existing Facilities
(CCR, Title 14, Sec 15301 and Title 22, Section 60101 (a))
- ☒ Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction
(CCR, Title 14, Sec 15302 and Title 22, Section 60101 (b))
- ☒ Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
(CCR, Title 14, Sec 15303 and Title 22, Section 60101 (c))
- ☐ Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land
(CCR, Title 14, Sec 15304 and Title 22, Section 60101 (d))
- ☐ Class 6 Information Collection
(CCR, Title 14, Sec. 15306)

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"NEPA-LIKE" EXCLUSION STATUS:

- ☒ Pursuant to CFR, Title 40, Part 6, Subpart B, Section 6.204(a)(1)(ii).
Minor upgrades to existing facilities
Functional replacement of equipment
Ancillary structures adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities

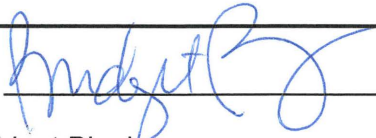
REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the Categorical Exemption selected above, and does not include any of the Exceptions pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15300.2.

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.

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