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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: **San Bernardino County Clerk-Recorder**
222 West Hospitality Way
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: **Running Springs Water District**
31242 Hilltop Blvd
Running Springs, CA 92382

Project Title: ROWCO Water System Improvement

Project Location: The ROWCO Reservoir and Booster Station site is located within the community of Running Springs. Access to the site is provided by Outer Highway 18 South near the intersection of Hollymont Drive and Old Highway 18 South, in the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 2 West SBBM.

Project Location - City: Running Springs

Project Location - County: San Bernardino County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The proposed ROWCO Booster Station Relocation Project is to relocate the existing booster station to a more accessible location, increase pump efficiency, and ensure reliability in the water distribution system. The proposed Project will be installed on a portion of the already developed ROWCO site. The proposed Project consists of construction of a new 150 gallon per minute booster station including piping, valves, electrical, and building; and the demolition of the existing 150 gallon per minute booster station. All the above proposed activities will occur within the footprint of existing disturbed areas at the ROWCO site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Running Springs Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Running Springs Water District


Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (Sections 21084; 15301(b))

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Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of Categorical Exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed installation of the new booster station Project at the ROWCO facility has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will ensure the facility continues to operate as is, but with greater efficiency and reliability to the distribution system. Categorical Exemption Class I exempts "operation, repair, maintenance...or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities and mechanical equipment...involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination." The exceptions to the issuance of Categorical Exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed project activities. The proposed installation and operation of the ROWCO Booster Station Relocation Project has been determined not to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any of the exceptions. Therefore, this proposed action is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies with the requirements for Class 1 exemption.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ryan Gross Telephone: (909) 897-2766

Signature:  Title: General Manager Date: 4/17/2024