

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
BIG BEAR LAKE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER**

To: San Bernardino County
Clerk of the Board
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: City of Big Bear Lake
Department of Water and Power
P.O. Box 1929
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Project Title: City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power (DWP) Knickerbocker Hydro-pneumatic Tank System Project

Project Location: Department of Water and Power serves potable water to several locations within the Bear Valley and the Knickerbocker Hydropneumatic Tank System Project is located adjacent to intersection of Ironwood Drive and Sky High Drive (Bear Valley Reservoir Site) in the City of Big Bear Lake.

Project Location - City: City of Big Bear Lake

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Project Location - County: San Bernardino

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the existing Knickerbocker Hydropneumatic Tank System structure and facilities. The proposed action will install a new hydropneumatic system, new concrete block building, and a control panel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water & Power

Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water & Power

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 (Section 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines)

Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of Categorical Exemptions for actions that have been deemed by the State Legislature to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed installation of the 5,000-gallon hydropneumatic tank and supporting infrastructure at the existing Bear Valley Reservoir Site has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will provide the Department with a new pumping capability to protect the potable water distribution system into the future. Categorical Exemption Class 2 exempts "replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity." The exceptions to the issuance of categorical exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed action and no significant impacts have been identified. The proposed installation and future operations and maintenance of the Knickerbocker Hydropneumatic Tank System Project has been determined not to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any of the exceptions. Therefore, the proposed action qualifies with the requirements for a Categorical Exemption, Class 2, under Section 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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