

# Force Main Slip Lining Project

## Summary

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Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA)

**Document Title**

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**Document Description**

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Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

**Job Title**

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## Location

**Cities**

Big Bear Lake

**Counties**

San Bernardino

**Regions**

Citywide

**Other Location Info**

Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency service area

## Notice of Exemption

**Exempt Status**

Categorical Exemption

**Type, Section or Code**

14 Cal. Code Regs. (State CEQA Guidelines), section 15301

**Reasons for Exemption**

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, §15301, Existing Facilities ("Class 1"). The Class 1 exemption allows, in part, for the repair of existing public mechanical equipment that will result in negligible or no expansion of former use. This includes the rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety. Here, the Project proposes repairs to the force main line, which are necessary to meet current standards of public health and safety and avoid any future risk. Through slip lining, the Project will repair the damaged force main line with negligible or no expansion of its former use. Finally, none of the "exceptions" to the categorical exemptions apply under State CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2.

**County Clerk**

San Bernardino

# Attachments

## Notice of Exemption

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## Project Map

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		ZIP CODE <b>92314</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
 Other Special District   
 State Agency   
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ 0.00
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ 0.00
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ 0.00
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ 0.00
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00
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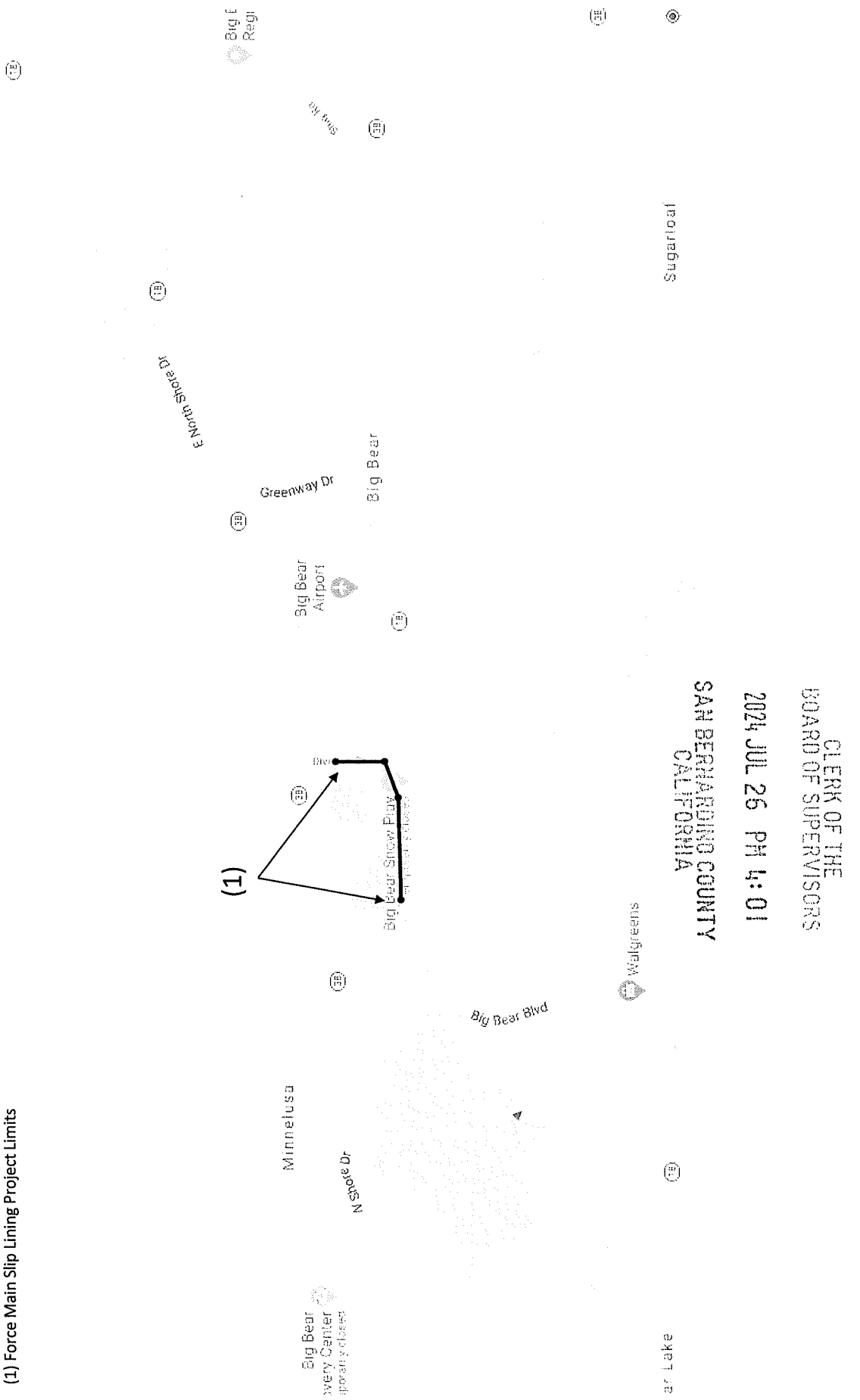
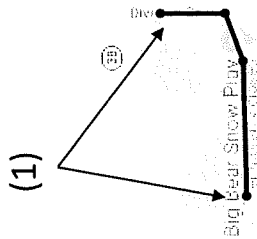
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