

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(Categorical)

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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board
Tulare District Office
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SCH#: 2019090352

WATER SYSTEM #: 5400987

PROJECT TITLE: Old Stage Saloon water system - Addition of ion exchange treatment plant

LEAD AGENCY: State Water Resources Control Board

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PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of Avenue 56 and Hot Springs Road, Tulare County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as the lead agency will be issuing a water supply permit. The Old Stage Saloon added an ion exchange treatment plant in April 2019 to reduce nitrate concentrations from Well 01. Water produced by Well 01 does not meet the maximum contaminant level for nitrate and does not meet primary drinking water standards. The project included the addition of two ion-exchange reactors, an 80-gallon bladder tank, and less than 10 feet of 1" diameter copper piping. The entire footprint for the project is 10 square feet (1' X 10'). The Water System is in process of conducting a pilot study of the treatment plant. Culligan Water Conditioning of Lindsay is contracted for monthly tank removal and any waste disposal.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: This is to advise that the SWRCB has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and will issue an operational drinking water supply permit for the operation of the above described project. A record of permit issuance for the project is available to the general public at the Division of Drinking Water at the SWRCB's field office noted above.

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)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The water produced by Well 01 does not meet primary drinking water standards and requires this treatment to be in compliance with the regulations. Additionally, the treatment plant was installed in April 2019 and is online.

Pursuant to the California Fish and Wildlife Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply.

Signature:  Date: 9/12/2019

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