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Subject: CEQA Notice of Exemption – Lone Tree Monitoring Well Installation Project

The purpose of this letter is to submit the enclosed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (Appendix E) to install a multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well approximately 8 miles south of Oroville and 2.8 miles southwest of the town of Palermo, in Butte County. The California Department of Water Resources is proposing to install the observation well south of Wyman Ravine and east of Lone Tree Road. The Lone Tree multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well will be incorporated into the larger basin groundwater elevation monitoring program.

The completed well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 1,000 feet and consist of three to four discrete monitoring zones to be determined by the site geologist/engineer after the completion of the test hole and downhole geophysical survey. The well will be drilled with a rotary drill rig and mud pump. Other necessary equipment onsite may include a pipe truck, water truck, rough terrain forklift, and support vehicles.

The proposed multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well installation is for information gathering purposes and falls under the Categorical Exemption described in CEQA Guidelines §15306 for Information Collection (Class 6). Proposed activities are not anticipated to result in any significant impact to the environment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (530) 529-7307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Humphrey".

Brian Humphrey, Environmental Scientist
Environmental Services Section

Enclosure

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): CA Dept of Water Resources
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

(Address)

Project Title: Lone Tree Monitoring Well Installation Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:
Project is located on the east side of Lone Tree Road 3, about 8 miles south of Oroville and 2.8 miles southwest of the town of Palermo in Butte County. (Lat: 39°24'18.45"N, Long: 121°34'24.65"W)

Project Location - City: Palermo Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
DWR is proposing to install a multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well, which will be incorporated into the larger basin groundwater elevation monitoring program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15306. Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The installation of the monitoring well will be used to measure groundwater elevations. Proposed activities are not anticipated to impact any environmental resources, including scenic resources, cultural resources or special status plants or wildlife species. The project will not result in any significant impact to the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Brian Humphrey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 529-7307

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 9/8/2020 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____