

**Attachment to Notice of Exemption for
Reedley College Agricultural Well Replacement Project**

Project Description and Location: State Center Community College District (SCCCD) is proposing to replace the agricultural well that serves the agricultural crop and livestock area in the northern portion of the Reedley College Campus located at 995 N. Reed Avenue in the City of Reedley. The new well will be of a similar size, production capacity and purpose as the existing well. Replacement of the well is necessitated by the planned future construction of the Reedley College Center for Fine and Performing Arts. The new well will be located approximately 470 feet west of Reed Avenue within the extended alignment of Parlier Avenue. The replacement well will tie into an existing pressure tank located approximately 350 feet west of the replacement well location through the installation of 6 inch PVC piping. The replacement well will also be connected to the existing irrigation lines serving the agricultural area of the campus. The existing well will be destroyed in accordance with state and local regulations.

The well replacement project is expected to be completed in mid-2021.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would be exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c), which provides for the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The new well will be of a similar size, production capacity, and purpose as the existing well.

The project will also involve the installation of 6" PVC piping connecting the replacement well with an existing pressure tank and existing irrigation water lines. Approximately 700 feet of trenching to a minimum depth of 3 feet will be necessary. The trenches will be properly backfilled, and the ground surface restored. CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(f) exempts minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

The area where the improvements will be installed is totally within an agricultural area owned by the District and not proximate to any residential or other sensitive land uses.

The project does not meet any of the exemption exceptions specified in Section 15300.2 in that there is no appreciable cumulative impact associated with the project; the project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; the project will not result in damage to scenic resources; the project is not located on a hazardous waste site; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.