

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: County Clerk  
County of Kern  
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FROM: County of Kern  
Planning and Natural Resources Dept.  
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**Project Title:** CD Activity #30.19.1 – Lost Hills Utility District Water Treatment Plant Improvements

**Project Location:** Facility at the corner of McCombs Road and Gun Club Road, Lost Hills, CA

**Project Description:** This project involves the addition of a reclaimed water tank and a small pump station to the existing water treatment plant dewatering system. The reclaim tank would include a new tank with a concrete pad, a small booster pump station, and piping to route the reclaimed water back through the water treatment plant. The location of the new reclaim tank system and a schematic is shown in Exhibit B. The Transfer Pump Upgrade will involve the removal of one existing 30HP transfer pump and the removal of the short sections of suction and discharge piping. A larger pump and motor at 660 gpm, 155psi and approximately 100 HP would take its place. Newly installed suction and discharge piping at 6-inch will be required. Piping tie-ins into the suction and discharge manifolds could be achieved in a 6-hour time frame. This shutdown could be easily accommodated with the use of the water storage tanks at Brown Material Road.

**Project Funding:** \$307,079.76 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** Lost Hills Utility District

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

Statutory Exemptions. (Sec. 15260 to 15285, CEQA Guidelines). State code and number:

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269[a])
- Emergency (Sec. 15269[b] and [c])
- Other (Sec. \_\_\_\_\_)

Exemption. (Common Sense - Section 15061 (b) (3), CEQA Guidelines)

Categorical Exemption. (Article 19 - Sec. 15300 to 15332 CEQA Guidelines),

State type and section number: Class 1 and 3 exemptions per Sections 15301 and 15303

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed activities are listed as benefitting from a specific exemption per Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines, repair and maintenance of existing public or private facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide public utility services (water).

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