

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board  
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**SCH#:**

**WATER SYSTEM #:** 3500928

**PROJECT TITLE:** George Chiala Farms – Well #2 Project (Project)

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Jonathan Weininger  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** 9351 Fairview Rd., Hollister, San Benito County, CA 95023

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Board issued Water Supply Permit No. 02-05-21P-3500928 on April 23, 2021 for the operation of George Chiala Farms' new Well #2. The Project will replace a collapsed well located 50-feet away. The new well was drilled adjacent to an existing water treatment facility and will be connected to the onsite water distribution system.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** This is to advise that the State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and has issued a 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 State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water District Office noted above.

**Categorical Exemption Status:**

- Class 1 Existing Facilities  
(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301)
- Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction  
(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

**Reason why Project is exempt:** The permit is for the operation of a new well at an existing facility. The Project is replacing an existing collapsed well with a new well adjacent to the collapsed well that has the same capacity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Jonathan Weininger \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Water Resource Control Engineer \_\_\_\_\_