

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Contra Costa

From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. of Water Resources
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: West Tracy Fault Cone Penetration Testing Phase 2

Project Applicant: CA Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

37.856359° Latitude, -121.620847° Longitude

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Contra Costa County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Division of Engineering (DOE), Project Geology Section, proposes to conduct Cone Penetration Testing (CPT) work at eight locations along a transect perpendicular to the West Tracy Fault. At each CPT location, a cone-tipped rod with a diameter of 1.72 inches will be pushed through the ground to measure various parameters including tip resistance, side friction, pore pressure, inclination, and shear wave velocity of the soil layers. The rod will be advanced to a depth of 100 to 150 feet below the soil surface.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA 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: Information Collection Class 6, Section 15306, 14CCR
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 6 Categorical Exemptions per CEQA Guidelines Section 15306: Information Collection exempts actions that will be used for data collection and resource evaluation. DWR has evaluated the project for potential to impact sensitive biological and cultural resources. DWR has determined that the project does not have the potential for significant impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Don Hoirup Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 376-9890

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: Don Hoirup Date: 8/19/2021 Title: Senior Eng Geol

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: _____