

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 10th Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:**  
California Tahoe Conservancy  
1061 Third Street  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**Project Title:** Paloma Well Discharge Short-Term License Agreement

**Project Location – Specific:**

The well is located at 826 Paloma Avenue in the Al Tahoe neighborhood in the City of South Lake Tahoe. The project proponent will need to access 818 El Dorado Avenue (El Dorado County Assessment Number (AN 026-141-012) to discharge the water in or nearby Trout Creek by the Upper Truckee Marsh (AN 026-200-011), both of which are owned by the California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) (see attached map).

**Project Location – City:** City of South Lake Tahoe

**Project Location – County:** El Dorado County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Conservancy is entering into a short-term license agreement (5 days) authorizing South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) access onto portions of Conservancy land to install, maintain, and remove a temporary water discharge system to disperse groundwater produced during well repair tests. Groundwater will be pumped from the STPUD's Paloma Well located at 826 Paloma Avenue in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The temporary discharge system will consist of a 12-inch aluminum irrigation pipeline, a flow diffuser, and silt filter fencing. The silt filter fencing will be placed approximately 30 feet from the end of the irrigation pipeline. Licensee will use hand crews to install and remove the temporary discharge system.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Tahoe Conservancy

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (§ 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption – Classes 1 & 4, §§ 15301 and 15304. (See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 12102.1 and 12102.4.)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is exempt under Class 1 because it involves maintenance of an existing facility, the paloma well. The installation, maintenance, and removal of the temporary water discharge system is exempt under Class 4 because it involves minor alterations to the land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment and is consistent with the permit granted to STPUD from Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board on October 12, 2021.

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