

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** County Clerk  
County of Lake  
Lakeport, CA 95453

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**FROM:** Community Development Dept  
Planning Division, County of Lake  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Assessing public perception, attitudes, and knowledge gaps towards water quality to improve education, outreach, and scientific communication within the communities around Clear Lake.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Centered on Clear Lake, Lake County, CA but benefits will be regional. GPS location for the center of Clear Lake, CA is 122° 43.115'W 38° 58.941'N.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Clear Lake (water body)      **COUNTY:** Lake

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Through a strategic and focused questionnaire distributed to the public, we will assess the public's current perceptions and attitudes towards water quality in Lake County, including Clear Lake. Results from this effort can better inform management efforts and quantify how the public's attitudes and perceptions may be driving behaviors that both negatively and positively impact water quality. This project will include three major tasks includes 1.0 Project Outreach and Education contributed by the grantee, 2.0 Contractor development, distribution, analysis, and findings distribution of survey findings, and 3.0 Project Management contributed by the Grantee. With information gathered from this project, managers can better focus educational and outreach efforts towards the public and can better communicate how management or policy practices can be beneficial for the rehabilitation of Clear Lake.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** County of Lake

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Lake County Watershed Protection District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption, Section 15307, Class 7 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), Categorical Exemption, Section 15308, Class 8 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment), Categorical Exemption, Section 15322, Class 22 (Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes)

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Class 7 and Class 8 - The project is consistent with the Class 7 and Class 8 exemptions which allow for the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource or of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Class 22 - The project is consistent with the Class 22 exemption which allows the adoption, alteration or termination of educational or training programs which involve no physical alteration in the area affected.

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**Signature:**

**Title:**

Signed by Lead Agency

**Date:** March 25, 2022