

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** County Clerk Office of Planning & Research  
County of Lake 1400 Tenth Street  
Lakeport, CA 95453 Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

**FROM:** Lake County Community Development Dept.  
255 North Forbes Street  
Lakeport, CA 95453

**PROJECT TITLE:** General Plan Conformity (GPC 22-01); Categorical Exemption (CE 22-13)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 55 Worely Dr., 4280 Lakeshore Blvd., 4697 Grandview Dr., & Keeling Ave., all in Lakeport, CA 95453 (APNs 029-141-31, 029-331-09, 029-071-09, & 028-131-36)

**COUNTY:** Lake

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Extend the North Lakeport, County Service Area (CSA-21), raw water intake structure. According to the most recent Engineering Report on the North Lakeport Water Treatment Plant (CSA-21), the existing intake structure is located approximately 1,100 feet into Clear Lake; at an elevation of 1,315 feet; directly off shore from the raw water pump station (029-331-09, 4280 Lakeshore Blvd. The intake line to the raw water pump station is approximately 1,317 feet in length and constructed of 16-inch ductile iron pipe with a 2-inch outer concrete coating. The applicant is proposing to extend this intake structure by between 600-900 additional feet. This proposed project will provide water reliability and security during a drought.

In addition, due to existing drought conditions, the applicant proposes to drill and construct a municipal well for the purpose of water redundancy. There are (4) County owned sites listed under project location, all of the four proposed sites have the capacity for a municipal well. This proposed project will cover the minimum amount of water needed to ensure customers are not without water during a drought situation.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** Lake County Community Development Department

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Lake County Special District Administration

**EXEMPT STATUS (Check One):**

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
- Statutory Exemption: State code number: \_\_\_\_\_;

- Categorical Exemption (Sections 15301(e) and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines)
- General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

On April 12, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021 and October 19, 2021, the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, proclaimed states of emergency to exist throughout California due to severe drought conditions. On March 21, 2022, the State Water Board released a letter to water rights holders warning “Despite record-breaking storms in October and December 2021, most of California is experiencing a severe drought due to the driest January and February on record. These conditions are worsening quickly and can threaten water supplies, impair critical habitat, reduce recreational opportunities, and create uncertainty for all water users”. Under the current drought conditions, pursuant to the California Code of Regulations State CEQA Guidelines Division 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 14, the project qualifies for an Emergency Exemption 14CCR 15269 (b)(c) which includes (b) repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency, and (c) Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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**Date: August 17, 2022**