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NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION MEMO

Tuolumne County

To: Tuolumne County Clerk
2 South Green St
Sonora, CA 95370

From: Tuolumne County Registrar
81 N. Washington Suite
P.O. Box 4394
Sonora, CA 95370

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Date: June 10, 2022

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Project Title: Twain Harte School Stormwater Enhancement Project

Community Development
Department

Project Location: Tuolumne County:
Township 2 North, Range 16 East, Portion Section: 9
Mount Diablo Meridian, State of California

Project Description: The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) acting as the Lead Agency, will implement stormwater mitigation activities. Considering the site receives stormwater flow from the adjacent community market, which experiences high vehicular use, bioswales have been designed to filter and treat water entering the site. Additional strategies to reduce water demand while decreasing runoff include a 40,000 gallon above ground stormwater tank to capture runoff and reuse for turf irrigation, bank of five, 5,000-gallon rain tanks capturing rainwater off the Gymnasium and adjacent classroom. This storage will blend with the captured stormwater for 5.52-acre feet per year irrigation offset. The overflow from these tanks will flow into bioswales to slow velocities, reduce nuisance flooding and winter ice hazards, create habitat, and recharge groundwater before entering the Tuolumne County storm drain system (see Tuolumne County Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project). An additional 5,000-gallon rain tank will be installed off the Music Room to offset irrigation demand for the school garden. This tank would also serve to reduce nuisance local flooding and winter ice hazards. The overflow from this system, as well as sheet flow entering from the adjacent roadway, will be treated in a bioswale (previously constructed as part of this project through TCRCD DWR funding). Lastly, to reduce nuisance flooding to downtown business, at the lower slope of the property, a rain garden will be placed at the center of the bus and automobile drop off area, near the lowest spot on the property. This strategic raingarden will capture and filter stormwater running across the site before entering the storm drain system. This will serve to create habitat for native species and demonstrate LID treatments in a highly visible area. In total, the bioswales and rain garden at the school will treat 7.4-acre feet of water per year. Highly visible signage will be installed to educate the community to encourage similar improvements on private properties across the community.

Treatment activities, including the installation of bioswales and a rain garden, and tank and pad installation for rainwater capture and reuse with irrigation attached will be conducted under this Notice of Exemption (NOE).

Exempt Status (Guidelines Section and Class) Categorical Exemption: Section 15304, which exempts minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The RCD has determined that the project's implementation will result in multiple benefits, including stormwater reduction, watershed improvement, and wildlife habitat enhancement. Project is located on less than 5 acres and surrounded by commercial and public land uses and as such has no value for endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitats. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site. The project will avoid all archeological resource sites. The project will not result in cumulatively significant impacts. The project will have no significant adverse effect on the environment, traffic, air, or water quality.

Public Agencies that will be involved with the project:
Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD)
Twain Harte Community Services District (THCSD)

Lead Agency Contact Person:
Lindsay Rae Mattos, District Manager TCRCD
(209) 559-9066 or lindsay@tcrd.org

Signature: Lindsay Rae Mattos Date: 10/14/2014
Lindsay Rae Mattos, District Manager
Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

ATTEST:

I, Lindsay Rae Mattos, District Manager, Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District, do hereby certify that the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District approved this Notice of Exemption on the 10/14/2014 by the following vote:

Ayes: 1
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 0

Lindsay Rae Mattos
Lindsay Rae Mattos, District Manager
Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

June 15th, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08

RESOLUTION OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CEQA FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR A COORDINATED REGIONAL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The function of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District is to take available technical, financial, and educational resources and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of local land managers and citizens for conserving soil, water, and related natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Water resource quality, quantity, and distribution is the top priority natural resource issue identified in the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District's Strategic Plan to be addressed through District projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District has been awarded funds through State Water Resources Control Board for funding for the Twain Harte School Stormwater Enhancement Project; and

WHEREAS, the State water Resources Control Board requires environmental review of all grant funded projects;

WHEREAS, the Twain Harte School Stormwater Enhancement Project will consist of stormwater mitigation strategies including a large above ground stormwater tank to capture runoff and reuse for turf irrigation, bioswales to slow flow and for filtration, climate appropriate plantings to slow and sink stormwater, a rain garden to filter and capture runoff, multiple rain tanks with pads to slow storm runoff and capture rain to be stored and used for irrigation, installation of irrigation, and educate the community to encourage similar improvements on private properties across the community.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District hereby finds that the Twain Harte School Stormwater Enhancement Project will not have any adverse effects on the environment because construction activities will consist of improvements to the health of local habitat, capture, reduce and reuse otherwise potentially destructive storm runoff, replacement and enhancement of landscapes with area appropriate plantings, and Installation of rain catchment devices will further slow stormwater runoff and increase water resilience. All other activities are educational or outreach related.

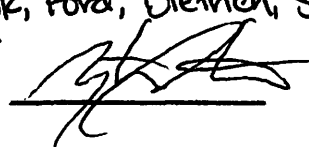
It is further RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District hereby finds that the Twain Harte School Stormwater Enhancement Project is Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15301, Class 1 consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; § 15302, Class 2 consisting of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities; § 15303, Class 3 consisting of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure; § 15304, Class 4 consisting of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, specifically new gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping; § 15311, Class 11 consisting of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities; and § 15322, Class 22 consisting of adoption, alteration, or termination of educational or training programs which involve no physical alteration in the area affected or which involve physical changes only in the interior of existing school or training structures.

It is further RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs the Chair or District Manager to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerks of Tuolumne and state Clearinghouse, with a copy sent to the state Water Resources Control Board.

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Submitted by




Chairman, Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District



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CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
 55 - 07/06/2022 - 036
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Tuolumne County RCD	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/06/2022
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PROJECT TITLE

Twain Harte School Storm water Enhancement Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Tuolumne County RCD	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER ()
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 81 N. Washington Suite B	CITY Sonora	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95370

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="radio"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$ _____	0.00
<input type="radio"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$ _____	0.00
<input type="radio"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$ _____	0.00
E] Exempt from fee			
E] Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="radio"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="radio"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="radio"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____	0.00
<input type="radio"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____	50.00
<input type="radio"/> Other		\$ _____	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Taryn Vanderpan, CDD Administrative Technician
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CASH RECEIPT

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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- D Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- D Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- D Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- D Mail filing fees for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW, also:

- D Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- D Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- D Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090