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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Lake
Lakeport, CA 95453

Office of Planning & Research
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SEP 23 2022

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

PROJECT TITLE: General Plan Conformity (GPC 22-07); Categorical Exemption (CE 22-30)

PROJECT LOCATION: 255 N. Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453 (APNs 062-611-03, 620-131-09, 620-131-06, 062-701-27)

COUNTY: Lake

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The applicant Spring Valley Lake, County Service Area, 21 has identified four potential well locations. The District is proposing the exploration of these sites, for testing to determine the quality and quantity of water for each location. Once the well site is identified; that parcel will be acquired and a well will be constructed, for a redundant water source. The proposed project will ensure the redundancy of water during droughts emergencies for the Spring Valley Lake Community. The project will provide drought resilience in a small, isolated community which is prone to wildfires.

Pursuant to Government Code Title 7, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 65402, a determination of conformity of the proposed project with the Lake County General Plan must be reported on to the Planning Commission by the Community Development Department, Planning Division before the project can be approved.

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); and
- General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)].

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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. As proposed, the project is exempt under Section 15269(c) of CEQA Guidelines, specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. As of May 10, 2021, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency in Lake County due to drought conditions, this declaration has been extended 3 times, most recently in March of 2022 with Executive Order N-7-22 . Drought conditions have caused water flows in Clear Lake and surface water sources to remain at historical lows. In order to mitigate said emergency, a well will be drilled to ensure the redundancy of water during droughts emergencies for the Spring Valley Lake Community.

The County of Lake Community Development Department finds that project activities for well exploration and construction to provide redundancy of water during droughts emergencies is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

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