

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Madera
200 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637

From: (Public Agency): Madera County
200 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637
(Address)

Project Title: Madera County Temporary Emergency Groundwater Recharge Project

Project Applicant: Madera County

Project Location - Specific:

Along the Chowchilla and Eastside Bypasses of the San Joaquin River

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The objective of the proposed Project is to divert flood flows from the Chowchilla & Eastside Bypass (Bypass) for groundwater recharge using temporary pumping and conveyance systems. Diverting flood flows will also relieve pressure on the existing flood control system (Chowchilla and Eastside flood control facilities). The proposed Project is intended to be a temporary solution for groundwater recharge in the underlying critically overdrafted Chowchilla and Madera Subbasins until the County's and/or private longer-term strategic recharge project can be completed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Madera County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Madera County

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: New Construction and Conversion of Small Structures, Section 15303
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Project involves the temporary deployment of up to 18 points of diversion to divert water for infiltration and storage in the underlying subbasins. For these reasons, the proposed Project meets the conditions for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption because it involves the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The proposed Project's effects would not meet any of the exceptions included in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jamie Bax Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 662-8015

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 10/3/22 Title: Director of Community Economic Development
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: