

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources
Control Board - Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

(Address)

Project Title: Temporary Urgency Changes of Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950, and 16596

Project Applicant: Sonoma County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Upper and lower Russian River in Sonoma and Mendocino counties

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Mendocino and Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Sonoma County Water Agency filed temporary urgency change petitions with the State Water Board on October 31, 2022. The petitions request the State Water Board make temporary changes in the hydrologic index used to determine the minimum instream flow requirements for the Russian River that are specified in Decision 1610 and Sonoma Water's water right permits. The changes are necessary in order to maintain viable operations to support municipal use, protect listed salmonids and preserve stored water in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, 15307, 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The proposed action is statutorily exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute 21080(b)(4) and categorically exempt from CEQA under the State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (i), 15307, and 15308, and under Section 7 of Governor's April 21, 2021, emergency proclamation for, among other areas, the Russian River watershed.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ken Emanuel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5317

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:  Date: 12/14/2022 Title: Deputy Director

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: _____