

City of  
**SACRAMENTO**

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

DEC 15 2022

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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TO:  County Clerk  
County of Sacramento

FROM: City of Sacramento  
Community Development Department,  
Planning Division  
300 Richards Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Office of Planning and Research  
1400 10th Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**ACTIVITY/PROJECT TITLE:** City of Sacramento Alternate Water Systems Ordinance

**An Ordinance Amending Section 15.24.030 and Adding Section 15.24.040 and Section 15.24.050 to the Sacramento City Code to Adopt Local Amendments to the California Building Standards Code Relating to Alternate Water Systems; and resolution to Study the Costs and Programmatic Requirements of Onsite Treatment and Reuse of Non-Potable Water**

**ACTIVITY/PROJECT LOCATION:** Citywide

**CITY:** Sacramento

**COUNTY:** Sacramento

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/PROJECT:** An ordinance amending section 15.24.030 and adding section 15.24.040 and section 15.24.050 to the Sacramento City Code to adopt local amendment to the California Building Standards Code relating to Alternate Water Systems. For building permit applications filed on or after July 1, 2023, buildings that are 10,000 sf or greater must include a gray water system to provide subsurface irrigation. For building permit applications filed on or after July 1, 2023, buildings that are 50,000 sf or greater must include installation of a separate additional piping system for an on-site treated non-potable gray water system for water closets and urinals. Residential buildings (California Building Standards Code, Chapter 3 R-2, R-2.1, R-3, R-3.1 or R-4 occupancy classifications); additions and improvements, including tenant improvements in existing buildings as defined in the California Building Standards Code; child-care centers; grocery stores to be constructed in food deserts; mini storage, locker buildings; or warehouse, distribution centers are exempt from these requirements. The ordinance adds additional sections to Sacramento City Code Chapter 15.24 requiring a user supervisor declaration and regulating the operation of gray water systems. The resolution outlines the City's commitment to study the costs and programmatic requirements for on-site treatment and reuse of non-potable water.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING ACTIVITY/PROJECT:** City of Sacramento

**NAME OF PERSON/AGENCY CARRYING OUT ACTIVITY/PROJECT:** Laura Tuller, Associate Planner, Community Development Department, 300 Richards Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95811; (916) 808-3546; Email [ltuller@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:ltuller@cityofsacramento.org)

**THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FINDS THAT THE ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT.**

**Exempt Status:** The direct physical effect on the environment of the activity (ordinance and resolution) is negligible and less than significant. Because it can be seen with certainty that the activity would not result in significant effects on the environment, the activity is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the commonsense exemption provided in CEQA Guidelines sections **15061(b)(3)**; **15060(c)(2)**. The proposed activity is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Class 7 and section **15307** because it is an action taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment and Class 8 and section **15308** because it is an action taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

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**REASONS WHY ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** This activity is consistent with City policies in the general plan and other plans, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce water use. Adoption and implementation of the ordinance and resolution would not result in any significant effects. The ordinance seeks to reduce water use, and energy associated with water use, as part of the City's response to climate change. The proposed ordinance would, in certain defined projects, require a gray water system to provide subsurface irrigation in some developments; installation of piping that could be utilized for an on-site non-potable gray water system for water closets and urinals; and add additional regulations concerning various land uses. The resolution outlines the City's commitment to study the costs and programmatic requirements for on-site treatment and reuse of non-potable water. Because it can be seen with certainty that the action would not result in significant effects the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the commonsense exemption provided in CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3); 15060(c)(2). In addition, this action is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 and 15308 because it is an action taken to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of natural resources or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

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**SIGNED:** *Scott Johnson*

**DATED:** December 6, 2022



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 34 — 12/15/2022 — 407  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY City of Sacramento Community Development Department, Planning Division	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/15/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Sacramento	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2022-0490	

PROJECT TITLE  
 City of Sacramento Alternate Water Systems Ordinance

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Community Development Department, Attn: Laura Tuller	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL ltuller@cityofsacramento.org	PHONE NUMBER (916) 808-3546
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 300 Richards Blvd	CITY Sacramento	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95811

**PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)**

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

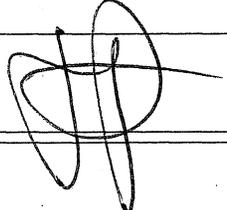
**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **50.00**

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sacramento County Clerk/Recorder-Jenny Padierna-Deputy Clerk
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Notice of Exemption	
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Notice of Exemption	
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