

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
 County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_ and Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Amanda Montgomery    Date: \_\_\_\_\_    Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment to NOE form for Temporary Permit issued to the Triangle T Water District**

Governor Gavin Newsom's March 28, 2022 Executive Order N-7-22 concluded that strict compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) would prevent, hinder or delay the mitigation of the effects of significant precipitation. Item 12 of the March 2022 requires the State Water Board to prioritize temporary water right permits to accelerate approvals for projects that enhance the ability of a local or state agency to capture high runoff events for local storage or recharge, consistent with water rights priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. This item suspends CEQA, and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, to the extent that CEQA would otherwise apply to actions taken by state agencies for the purposes of carrying out this directive. This temporary permit will enhance the ability of the Triangle T Water District to capture high runoff events for underground storage and groundwater recharge, consistent with water rights priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. Water stored underground under the permit will be used for Irrigation Use within the service area of the Triangle T Water District. Accordingly, CEQA is suspended to the extent that it would otherwise apply to this temporary permit.