

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Tulare
221 S Mooney Blvd
Visalia, CA 93291

From: (Public Agency): City of Woodlake
350 N. Valencia Blvd.
Woodlake CA 93286
(Address)

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ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER
BY:

Project Title: City of Woodlake Drought Related Water System Improvements

Project Applicant: City of Woodlake

Project Location - Specific:
Location of project is in City of Woodlake, APN: 060-170-016-000

Project Location - City: Woodlake Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City has significant concerns over lack of water sources and storage to meet Maximum Day Demands (MDD) and Peak Hour Demands (PHD). Due to falling groundwater and aging wells and infrastructure, the City has been struggling to maintain minimum operating pressures during maximum day demands, but more so during peak demands and fire flows. This is due to the limited pumping rates from the wells and well 6 being offline. The proposed project would assess and evaluate the following possible system enhancements to resolve these evolving issues as well as build resiliency through the possible addition of some or all of the following possible system enhancements and improvements. This is just one possible system enhancement scenario and would meet the maximum need for relief from drought stressors and increased resiliency due to the challenges posed by climate change. • Conversion of two existing irrigation wells to domestic use; • Installation of a new domestic well; • Installation of a one-million-gallon storage tank in the vicinity of the two existing wells and the one new well to provide additional storage to meet peak and fire flow demands; • Installation of a variable speed drive booster pump station to meet seasonal demands and daily demand fluctuations; • Installation of new water mains in the area of the new wells, tank, and booster station to provide more uniform pressures throughout the system; • Installation of new regional storm drain basin with recharge wells near the three wells to facilitate groundwater recharge.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Woodlake

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Woodlake

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: Section 15306 Class 6
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project includes the planning and design of two new water wells, a storm water basin and associated infrastructure. Activities include basic data collection, research, experimental management, planning/design and/or resource evaluation that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is for information gathering and planning purposes, as part of a study leading to an action that the City of Woodlake as lead agency, has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. Therefore, this project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA under § 15306.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ramon Lara, City Administrator Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 564 8055

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: [Signature] Date: 03/31/2023 Title: City Administrator

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: