

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: _____

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

(Address)

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

Project Applicant: Sonoma County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

The upper Russian River (from its confluence with the East Fork of the Russian River to confluence with Dry Creek) and the lower Russian River (downstream of confluence with Dry Creek).

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 Division of Water Rights on April 27, 2023. The petitions request temporary reductions to instream flow requirements due to operational constraints placed on Sonoma County Water Agency pursuant to the 2008 Biological Opinion.

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: Section: 15301, 15307, and 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(i), 15307 and 15308.

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: MAY 19 2023 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: _____