



## Notice of Exemption

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
*Submitted online*

From: ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY  
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To:  County Clerk, County of Alameda  
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Date: October 17, 2023

**Project Title:** Water Supply Risk Model Enhancements and Optimization Decision Support Tool

**Project Location – Specific:** Zone 7 Water Agency, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA. 94551

**Project Location – County:** Alameda County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Zone 7 desires to expand its existing Water Supply Risk Model into a decision support tool for evaluating future water supply reliability projects. The Water Risk Supply Model development began in June of 2021 to provide Zone 7 with a flexible management tool to assess different water supply, storage, and conveyance scenarios for impacts on Zone 7's water supply reliability. This project consists of computer based modeling and analysis to create the decision support tool. There is not a construction component to this project.

**Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project:** Zone 7 Water Agency

**Project Manager:** James Carney. 925-454-5036

**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
- Statutory Exemptions
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec 15061(b)(3))

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

15061(b)(3) – COMMON SENSE RULE. The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

None of the conditions noted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15300.2 (as revised) will occur. Furthermore, this project will not result in potential for significant environmental impacts because:

- No new facilities are being authorized by this project. The project is merely development of a computer based decision support tool model.

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