

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: Sierra

From: (Public Agency):
Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
P.O. Box 88 Chilcoot, CA 96105
(Address)

Project Title: Sierra Valley Groundwater Multi-Benefit Project Pilot Study

Project Applicant: Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District

Project Location - Specific: 39.645282/ -120.217225; Smithneck Creek southeast of Loyalton, CA

Project Location - City: Loyalton Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed recharge project intends to divert water from a point along Smithneck Creek, tributary to Feather River, to a recharge area to the northeast at a maximum diversion rate of 2 cubic feet per second from December 1st through March 31st. The intent of this diversion is to recharge the shallow groundwater aquifer of the Sierra Valley Subbasin to support critical groundwater dependent ecosystem that provides critical habitat to over 230 bird species and to provide support for local domestic wells.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District

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:

CEQA is suspended for this project pursuant to EO N-7-22, action 12

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jenny Gant, Board Clerk Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-249-4520

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: Jenny Gant Date: 2/1/24 Title: Board Clerk

- 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: