

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Greater Kaweah GSA Land Fallowing Project

Project Location: County of Tulare

Project Location: Jurisdictional Boundaries of Greater Kaweah GSA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

In conjunction with the California Department of Water Resources' LandFLEX program, incentivize land fallowing as a means of reducing groundwater extraction in the critically overdrafted Kaweah Subbasin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declare Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. (Class 7 – Maintenance, Restoration, and Enhancement of Natural Resource [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15307]; Class 8 – Maintenance, Restoration, and Enhancement of Environment [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15308]; Class 1 – Existing Facilities [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15301]; “Common Sense” Exemption [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)]).

Statutory Exemptions.

Reasons why project is exempt: As required by SGMA, the project seeks to mitigate undesirable results in a basin which has been designated by the Department of Water Resources as critically overdrafted. *See* DWR Bulletin 118.

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