

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): Madera County  
200 W. 4th Street  
Madera, CA 93637

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County of: Madera  
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(Address)

Project Title: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Recharge Credit Policies Adoption

Project Applicant: Madera County Department of Water and Natural Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Groundwater sustainability plans (GSP's) have been previously adopted for the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins, pursuant to the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). Policies have since been developed which set forth the terms and conditions under which participating property owners may be entitled to a credit for recharge of the Subbasins derived from a (1) surface water right or contract and also from a (2) flood event.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Madera County Department of Water and Natural Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Madera County Department of Water and Natural Resources

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: 15307, 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The establishment of these recharge policies are exempt under class 15307 and 15308 as the policies will assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource and assure the protection of the environment.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Stephanie Anagnoson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 598-0362

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: 4/1/2024 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_