

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:

Upper and lower Russian River in Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

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 19, 2024. The petitions request modification to conditions imposed pursuant to State Water Board Decision 1610. Specifically, Sonoma County Water Agency requests modifications to minimum instream flows to conform with requirements of 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: Sections: 15301, 15307, 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed action is categorically exempt under 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: *Jule Rizzardo* Date: 6/6/2024 Title: Assistant 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: _____