

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Alameda County Water District
43885 South Grimmer Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94538

County Clerk
County of: Alameda

(Address)

Project Title: Resolution No. 24-015 of Board of Directors of ACWD Levying a Replenishment Assessment

Project Applicant: Alameda County Water District (ACWD)

Project Location - Specific:

All lands within the jurisdiction of ACWD, including all of Newark and portions of Fremont, Hayward, and Union City, all within the County of Alameda

Project Location - City: Multiple (see above) Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The nature and purpose of the proposed project is to increase the replenishment assessment (RA) fee on the production of groundwater within ACWD. The RA fees help pay for the replenishment of groundwater, groundwater and watershed protection, regulation of well construction, and other programs that prevent sea water intrusion or promote the supply and quality of groundwater for the benefit of all users of the groundwater basin. The beneficiaries of the project are all users of the groundwater basin specifically and the customers of ACWD generally.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Alameda County Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alameda County Water 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: Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8); CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (a)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code and Section 15273 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines because it is modifying groundwater replenishment fees for basin management, for the purpose of (1) meeting operating expenses; (2) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment and materials; and (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service and system reliability.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mikel S. Halliwell Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-668-4412

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: Laura J. Hides Date: 7/24/24 Title: Director of Water Resources

▪ 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: _____

