

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Redding
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County of Shasta
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Project Title: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Grant

Project Location – Specific: Enterprise and Anderson Groundwater Subbasins

Project Location – City: Redding **Project Location – County:** Shasta

Description of Project: The Enterprise-Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EAGSA) proposes to update Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Enterprise and Anderson Subbasins. The plans will be implemented using grant funds administered by the California Department of Water Resources. The plans will allow local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) to further develop management strategies that provide for long-term sustainability of the Enterprise and Anderson Subbasins by avoiding conditions that would adversely affect the availability and quality of groundwater in the Redding Area Groundwater Basin. Work will include public outreach, data collection and analysis, hydrogeologic conceptual model (HCM) updates, continued numerical groundwater flow modeling, water budget updates, network development, identification of potential projects and management actions, and plan preparation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redding

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Josh Watkins, Water Utility Manager

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)]
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262 – Feasibility and Planning Studies
- Common Sense Exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3]).
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRD 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2).

Reasons why project is exempt: The exemption applies to projects involving only feasibility or planning for possible future actions. The SGMA Implementation efforts will involve data collection and identification of potential future projects or actions; however, this activity will not have a legally binding effect on later activities and implementation of any future project or action would be subject to the requirements of CEQA. This action has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Kelley

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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: Amber Kelley

Date: 2-29-2024

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant