

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency):
Marina Coast Water District
11 Reservation Road
Marina, CA 93933

County Clerk
County of Monterey
168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Project Title: Farm Lease with Sunberry Growers, LLC

Project Applicant: Sunberry Growers, LLC

Project Location - Specific:
Monterey County APN 175011049000

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of the District entering into a farm lease of a 224-acre parcel owned by MCWD and located just south of Monterey One Water wastewater treatment facilities. MCWD proposes to lease the parcel for the growing of strawberry and other non-permanent crops for a period of 12 years commencing in June 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Marina Coast 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: See list below as follows:

- a) Class I Exemption (Existing Facilities) - Section 15301
b) Class IV Exemption (Minor Alterations to Land) - Section 15304
c) General Rule (Common Sense) Exemption - Section 15061

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors has determined based on the whole of the administrative record that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq. [CEQA]) pursuant to the Class 1, Class 4, and Common Sense Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 1500 et seq.) because the farm lease will not significantly change or expand the existing agricultural use; consists of minor alterations in land, water, and/or vegetation and does not involve the removal of any trees; and that there are no exceptions to the exemptions or unusual circumstances that distinguish the Project from other projects covered under the categorical exemptions.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Remleh Scherzinger Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-883-5925

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: 05/21/2024 Title: General Manager

X 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:

