

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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 County of: Sonoma  
 585 Fiscal Drive #103F  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): Sweetwater Springs Water District  
17081 CA-116  
Guerneville, CA 95446

(Address)

Project Title: Wright Drive Water Main and Edgehill Booster Replacement

Project Applicant: Sweetwater Springs Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Wright Drive, Wright Lane, Natoma Drive, Edgehill Drive, Glenda Drive (Guerneville)

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to replace a water system that has reached the end of its service life, which will improve water service flows, improve customer water quality, improve fire protection, reduce water losses from leaks, and minimize the need for future maintenance. The project would replace 6,400 linear feet of water main serving 65 low-income households, as well as replace the Edgehill Booster Station. The project would also include the installation of new fire hydrants approximately every 300 feet within the project site. New hydrants are needed because there are an inadequate number of fire hydrants in the overall area, and fire flows are either non-existent or are extremely low. The addition of new hydrants will bring fire flows into compliance with minimum standards of 1,000 gallons per minute.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sweetwater Springs Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sweetwater Springs 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: 15302 (Class 2), 15303 (Class 3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

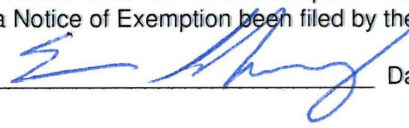
The proposed replacement of water infrastructure, including water mainlines and the Edgehill Booster Station, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c), which applies to "replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity." The proposed construction of new fire hydrants and rerouting of three sections of cross county mainlines qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d), which applies to "water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction." The project would not increase the capacity of the water distribution system or support future growth within the project area. The project would not trigger any exception to the use of a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Eric Schanz Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 869-4000

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:  Date: 5/21/2024 Title: General Manager

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_