

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Mono

PO Box 237

Bridgeport, CA 93517

**From:** (Public Agency): Mono County CDD

PO Box 347

Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

(Address)

Project Title: General Plan Amendment 24-02: North County Water Transaction Criteria Policies

Project Applicant: Mono County Community Development Department

Project Location - Specific:

countywide

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached project description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mono County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mono County

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: 15307 and 15308

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project assures the maintenance and protection of natural resources that may be impacted by water transfers that redirect water from existing uses on the landscape to in-stream flow for the purpose of raising the level of Walker Lake in Nevada.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Wendy Sugimura Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-914-2962

**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: Wendy Sugimura Date: 7/9/24 Title: CDD 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Project Description:

The project adopts policies into the Conservation/Open Space Element that identify criteria for water transactions with less-than-significant environmental impacts that redirect water from current uses in the Antelope and Bridgeport valleys to Walker Lake to raise the water level. GPA 24-02 also includes the adoption of an appendix with the following sections: 1) A background overview and summary, 2) The 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between Mono County and NFWF, 3) The Walker Basin Conservancy's Guiding Principles for Transactions, 4) The Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Report for General Plan Policies and Amendments for a Water Transaction Program in the Mono County Portion of the Walker River Basin, and 5) The CEQA Initial Study Checklist for General Plan Policies and Conceptual Water Transaction Program in the Mono County Portion of the Walker River Basin.