

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) Tooleville Wastewater Treatment Facility

Project Location - Specific: Tooleville Wastewater Treatment Facility, 2285 Morgan Ave., Exeter, CA (APN 136-150-027)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 12, Township 19S, Range 26E, MDBM

Project Location - City: Exeter, CA Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Tooleville Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) currently operates under Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. 88-139. A Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) will be prepared for the existing WWTF in order to apply for enrollment under the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Systems (General Order). The facility will continue to operate at the original designed capacity with no changes to operations.

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))
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why Project is exempt: This action does not propose any changes or modification to the existing WWTF. The facility will continue to operate at the original designed capacity with no changes in operations. As such, the continued operation of the WWTF is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, operation, repair maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features; in this instance, the ROWD for updated permitting of the Tooleville WWTF. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County, Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Denise England, Grants & Resource Manager

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Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____