

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Mono

From: (Public Agency): Mono County Community Development Department
1290 Tavern Road Ste 138, PO Box 347
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

(Address)

Project Title: Tri-Valley and Fish Slough Groundwater Model Development and Isotope Study

Project Applicant: Eastern California Water Association

Project Location - Specific:

Tri-Valley area and Fish Slough subbasin

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project shall develop a numerical MODFLOW groundwater model covering the Tri-Valley area and the Fish Slough subbasin, which is designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), for the purpose of better understanding and quantifying the amount and flow of groundwater in these areas. Mono County and the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (TVGMD) will both make use of the model and isotope study.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mono Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mono County Community Development Department

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: 15306. Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project's goal is to model groundwater flow in the Tri-Valley and Fish Slough areas, data collection and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Erin Bauer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 924-4602

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: *Erin Bauer* Date: 8/27/2024 Title: Planning Analyst

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: _____