

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): California Department of Water Resources
Division of Multibenefit Initiatives
715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Approval of Golden State Water Company Agreement for American River Terms for Ecosystem Support and Infrastructure Assistance Needs Project

Project Applicant: Golden State Water Company

Project Location - Specific:

Golden State Water Company - Arden Cordova Customer Service Area

Project Location - City: Rancho Cordova & Arden Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Agreement requires Golden State Water Company to forebear the use up to 765 acre-feet of it's surface water rights from the South Fork of the American River during three dry years or critical years over a period beginning in 2025 and potentially extending through 2036 in exchange for receiving grant funding of up to \$1.37 million to upgrade two interconnections in its Arden-Cordova District that will improve its infrastructure, system resiliency, and water supply reliability.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Golden State Water Company

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: 1, 2, &3, Sections 15301, 15302, & 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

DWR Concurs with the justification for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA. The update of existing infrastructure in this instance does not constitute a significant threat to quality of air or water, does not increase noise or threaten any protected species or the environment at large.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ronald Moore Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-394-3600 x 682

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: Michelle Jespersen Date: 1/9/2025 Title: Environmental Program Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.