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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

- TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
- County Clerk, County of Fresno
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

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AUG 19 2024

TIME

9:33 am

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
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For County Clerk's Stamp

FROM: Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division
2220 Tulare Street (corner of Tulare and "M") Suite "A", Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Review No. 8604 – Fresno County GSA-Delta-Mendota Subbasin Management Area B Traction Ranch Monitoring Well

PROJECT APPLICANT/SPONSOR: Fresno County Water and Natural Resources Division

PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: The project site is located within the GSA-Delta-Mendota Subbasin per DWR Bulletin 118.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The proposed Project The Fresno County GSA is implementing its Delta-Mendota Management Area B Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), submitted in 2020, to achieve and maintain groundwater sustainability within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin in accordance with the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This action covers the construction-related activities for expanding monitoring networks and filling data gaps through calendar year 2026 associated with implementation of the approved GSP.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Fresno County Board of Supervisors

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Fresno County Public Works and Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Contact: Augustine C. Ramirez, Manager (559) 600- 4266.

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical exemption: Section 15301 (b) Existing Facilities, 1506 Information Collection

REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The construction activities consist of nonsignificant impacts to the condition of the land. And the proposed project consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a significant impact to an environmental resource. The only data gap within FCMA is the MWA portion of MAB south of Whitesbridge Road. The northern part of MAB along the Fresno Slough and MAA have existing monitoring networks with a long-term record of water levels, water quality, and land subsidence. One CASGEM monitoring well in the Upper Aquifer is located east of the MWA, but upon further investigation and correspondence with the Kings River Conservation District the well has likely collapsed and is not reflective of groundwater conditions. The proposed project will provide a replacement monitoring well in the Traction Ranch area consistent with the GSP data gaps analysis and recommendations.

LEAD AGENCY

CONTACT PERSON: David Randall

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If filed by the 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: _____

David Randall, Senior Planner

Date: _____

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- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
 Signed by Applicant

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