

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of: Monterey

From: (Public Agency):
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
1441 Schilling Pl., North Bldg. Salinas CA 93901

Project Title: Adoption of Well Registration and Groundwater Reporting Ordinance/Manual

Project Applicant: Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Project Location - Specific:

The project is applicable throughout the entirety of Monterey County.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project consists of an ordinance to repeal three existing Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("Agency") ordinances (numbers 3660, 3717, and 3718) and adopt well registration and groundwater reporting requirements. The project also includes adoption of a resolution to approve and implement the Agency's "Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual". The Ordinance and Manual will allow for continued and new groundwater extraction, level, and quality data reporting to aid the Agency and other entities engaged in the management and scientific investigation of groundwater resources within Monterey County and to aid in the evaluation of groundwater sustainability.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ara Azhderian, General Manager

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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

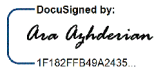
Reasons why project is exempt:

Adoption of this ordinance and the Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual is entitled to a categorical exemption pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations section 15306 which exempts: "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource." Additionally, none of the exceptions listed in 14 California Code of Regulations 15300.2 apply to this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ara Azhderian, General Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-755-4860

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:  _____ Date: 10/1/24 11:16 AM PDT Title: General Manager

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: _____