

**Exemption Worksheet for Public Agency Projects  
Water Supply Permits  
State Water Resource Control Board  
Division of Drinking Water (DDW)**

<b>Water System Number:</b>	CA3110124	<b>Lead Agency (LA):</b>	Placer County Water Agency (PCWA)
<b>Water System Name:</b>	PCWA – Monte Vista	<b>Date LA NOE Filed:</b>	12/13/2021
<b>County:</b>	Placer	<b>State Clearinghouse #:</b>	

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**Date:** December 18, 2024

**Project Title:** Monte Vista Water Treatment Plant Filter Addition Project  
**Project Location (Address, City/description):** Community of Dutch Flat  
**Project Description Reference:**

**CEQA Exemptions:** Determine whether any of the following exemptions apply. Reference the citation of the exemption used (See following pages for excerpts of regulatory text.). For the categorical exemptions, make sure none of the exceptions apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 1 Existing Facilities (art. 19, § 15301)</b>	Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of an existing structure with <u>no or negligible expansion of use</u> . Additions to an existing facility are limited (see below).
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction (art. 19, § 15302)</b>	Replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure where the new structure <u>is located on the same site</u> and will have <u>substantially the same purpose and capacity</u> .
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (art. 19, § 15303)</b>	Construction of a small facility or structure, or conversion of an existing small structure from one use to another with only minor modifications.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 6 Information Collection (art. 19, § 15306)</b>	Basic data collection, research, demonstration projects that do not cause a major disturbance to the environment.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 30 Interim or emergency groundwater treatment (art. 19, § 15330(b)(9))</b>	Construction of interim or emergency ground water treatment system.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 32 Infill development projects (art. 19, § 15332)</b>	Infill projects. Only use this if the lead agency did.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Emergency Projects (art. 18, § 15269)</b>	See the regulatory text below for section 15269.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Installation or maintenance of a pipeline less than 1 mile in public right-of-way (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.21)</b>	Installation, repair, or removal of a pipeline less than one mile long in a public right-of-way
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Small Disadvantaged Community Water Systems (Pub. Resources Code, §21080.47)</b>	Send to SPRU for review if used.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fluoridation (CEQA Guidelines § 15282(m))</b>	Minor alterations to comply with Health & Safety Code 116410 and 116415. Section 15282 (m)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	Citation to regulatory or statutory exemption and description:

**Exceptions to the categorical exemptions (for Article 19 exemptions only): Please mark box indicating whether statement applies. If you mark “yes” then the NOE may not apply, send to Special Project Review Unit.**

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (for classes 3, 4, 6, and 11 only) Location – Is the project located in a particularly sensitive environment? For instance, is the project in or near a wetland, river, stream, or vernal pool habitat? Look at project maps, photos, and Google satellite to view the project area. <b>Send to Special Project Review Unit for assistance if needed.</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cumulative Impact – Will there or have there been successive projects of the same type in the same place so that the environmental impact over time is significant?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Unusual Circumstances – Is there a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances? <b>Unusual circumstances identified by DDW (2/7/2002 memo) are: Critically depleted groundwater basins, groundwater basins subject to salinity intrusion, and polluted or contaminated aquifers.</b> For groundwater basin map visit <a href="https://www.sgma.ca.gov/SGMA-Basin-Prioritization-Dashboard">SGMA Basin Prioritization Dashboard (ca.gov)</a> |

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scenic Highway – Could the project cause damage to the environment within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway? See map of scenic highways here: <a href="https://arcgis.com">California State Scenic Highway System Map (arcgis.com)</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hazardous Waste Site – Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code? <a href="https://calepa.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/CorteseList/">https://calepa.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/CorteseList/</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historical Resources – Could the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource? National Register Map (confidential Native American sites not included) <a href="https://www.nps.gov/maps/full.html?mapId=7ad17cc9-b808-4ff8-a2f9-a99909164466">https://www.nps.gov/maps/full.html?mapId=7ad17cc9-b808-4ff8-a2f9-a99909164466</a> California Register list by county (not in map form) <a href="https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/listedresources/">https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/listedresources/</a>

## Categorical Exemptions (subject to the exceptions)

**Class 1. Existing Facilities** CCR 15301 Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use. Examples include but are not limited to:

- a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.
- b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.
- e) Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than:
  - (1) 50 percent of the floor area of the structure before the addition, or 2,500 square feet, whichever is less: or
  - (2) 10,000 square feet if:
    - (A) The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and
    - (B) The area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.
- f) Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

### **Specific Activities Within Categorical Exemption Class 1.** CCR, Title 22, Section 60101

(1) Any interior or exterior alteration of water treatment units, water supply systems, and pump station buildings where the alteration involves the addition, deletion, or modification of mechanical, electrical, or hydraulic controls.

(2) Maintenance, repair, replacement, or reconstruction to any water treatment process units, including structures, filters, pumps, and chlorinators.

### **Specific Activities based on February 7, 2002 Memorandum**

(3) Construction, operation or permitting of new water wells for existing water systems which do not exceed 125 gallons per minute provided that the well is **not** located in areas with any of the following:

- Critically depleted groundwater basins
- Groundwater basins subject to seawater intrusion
- Groundwater under the direct influence of streams or lakes
- Polluted or contaminated aquifers

**Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction** CCR 15302. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (c)Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

- Specific Activities Within Categorical Exemption Class 2.** CCR, Title 22, Section 60101
- (1) Repair or replacement of any water service connections, meters, and valves for backflow prevention, air release, pressure regulating, shut-off and blow-off or flushing.
  - (2) Replacement or reconstruction of any existing water supply distribution lines, storage tanks and reservoirs of substantially the same size.
  - (3) Replacement or reconstruction of any water wells, pump stations and related appurtenances.

**Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures** consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel.

- Specific Activities Within Categorical Exemption Class 3.** CCR, Title 22, Section 60101
- (1) Construction of any water supply and distribution lines of less than sixteen inches in diameter, and related appurtenances.
  - (2) Construction of any water storage tanks and reservoirs of less than 100,000 gallon capacity.
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    - (2) Construction of any water storage tanks and reservoirs of no greater than 100,000-gallon capacity.
    - (4) Construction of perimeter fencing around treatment plants and other buildings to deter unauthorized access if disturbed area does not exceed one acre.
    - (5) Installation, operation or permitting of hypochlorination units to inactivate bacterial contamination

**Class 6: Information Collection** Basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which DDW has not yet approved, adopted or funded.

**Class 30: Interim or emergency groundwater treatment (art. 19, § 15330(b)(9))**

Consists of any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

- (b) Examples of such minor cleanup actions include but are not limited to:
- (9) Construction of interim or emergency ground water treatment systems.

**Class 32: Infill Development Projects** Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section.

- (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.
- (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.

- (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.
- (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.
- (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

## Statutory Exemptions (not subject to the exceptions)

### **Section 15269 (a) statutory exemption for declared emergencies**

Projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code. This includes projects that will remove, destroy, or significantly alter an historical resource when that resource represents an imminent threat to the public of bodily harm or of damage to adjacent property or when the project has received a determination by the State Office of Historic Preservation pursuant to Section 5028(b) of Public Resources Code.

### **Section 15269 (b) statutory exemption for emergency repairs**

Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency.

### **Section 15269 (c) statutory exemption for emergency prevention/mitigation**

Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. This does not include longterm projects undertaken for the purpose of preventing or mitigating a situation that has a low probability of occurrence in the short-term, but this exclusion does not apply (i) if the anticipated period of time to conduct an environmental review of such a long-term project would create a risk to public health, safety or welfare, or (ii) if activities (such as fire or catastrophic risk mitigation or modifications to improve facility integrity) are proposed for existing facilities in response to an emergency at a similar existing facility.

### **Section 15282 (k) statutory exemption for right of way pipelines of < 1 mile**

The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

### **Section 15282 (m) statutory exemption for water fluoridation**

Minor alterations to utilities made for the purposes of complying with Sections 116410 and 116415 of the Health and Safety Code as set forth in Section 21080.26 of the Public Resources Code.