

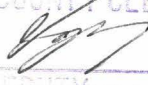
Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Merced Subbasin GSA
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 Merced, CA 95340

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Project Title: RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION 1: GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION RULE

Project Applicant: Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Within MSGSA boundaries in Merced County

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Adoption of Rules governing Groundwater Allocation Program and use of Groundwater allocation within the Merced Subbasin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Merced Subbasin GSA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Merced Subbasin GSA

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 Guideline 15061(b)(3), 15307, 15308, 15378
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Water Code Section 10728.6

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Water Code 10728.6. Because adoption of the rule will not have any significant impact on the environment, the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA Guidelines 15061 (b)(3). MSGSA, as authorized by STGAM, approved the Project for the protection of natural resources and the environment, which is categorically exempt from CEQA under 15307, 15308 and 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Ashlee Chan-Gonzalez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209.381.1089

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: October 14, 2024 Title: EH Specialist III

▪ 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.