

COUNTY RECORDER
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Yolo County Community Services Dept.

Name
292 West Beamer Street
Address
Woodland, CA 95695
City, State, Zip
Attention: Jeff Anderson, Principal Planner

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Yolo County - Clerk-Recorder

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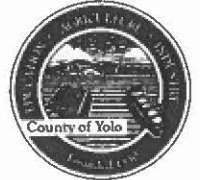
By zhernandez, Deputy



Notice of Exemption

To: Yolo County Clerk
625 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814



From: Yolo County Community Services Dept.

State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: **Agricultural Water Well Urgency Ordinance**

Applicant/Owner: Yolo County Community Services Department
292 West Beamer Street
Woodland, CA 95695
Lead Agency Contact: April Meneghetti, Director of Environmental Health, (530) 666-8646

Project Location: Countywide

Project Description: On October 22, 2024, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance entitled, "An Urgency Ordinance Temporarily Extending Certain Requirements on the Issuance of Agricultural Water Well Permits in the Unincorporated Area of Yolo County Pending Completion of Long-Term Well Ordinance Amendments." The urgency ordinance temporarily extends the well permitting procedures enacted in compliance with Executive Order N-3-23 (and prior EO N-7-22), issued by Governor Newsom, to protect the health, safety, and welfare while considering long-term revisions to well permitting regulations and minimize disruptions in well permit review through October 31, 2025, in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County. The primary elements of the Executive Order well permitting process being extended through the urgency ordinance are:

- Well separation distance requirements developed by the Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers Technical Memo;
- Requiring review by the applicable Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA), namely the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
- Maintains exemptions for domestic wells (wells producing less than two acre-feet per year for individual domestic water use), public supply system wells as defined in Health & Safety Code § 116275, monitoring wells or other wells not intended for extraction of groundwater, and minor alterations to certain existing wells are exempt from the urgency ordinance;
- No longer requires additional information regarding replacement wells regarding the use history and instead requires that the replacement well meet the minimum separation distances from other wells (replacement wells will also still require abandonment of the well being replaced);
- Adds a hardship exemption; and
- Maintains the two-year term for well permits while the urgency ordinance is in place approved during prior droughts and with the latest Technical Memo update on April 9, 2024 (YCC sec. 6-8.804(b) otherwise provides that well permits are only valid for 120 days).

The urgency ordinance is effective immediately (October 22, 2024).

Exempt Status:

Section 15060(c)(2), Preliminary Review; Section 15061(b)(3), Review for Exemption (Common Sense Exemption)

Categorical Exemptions: Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources; Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

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Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15060(c)(2) provides that an activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The urgency ordinance simply maintains requirements for well separation distances and GSA review to protect against impact from new wells. It is therefore not a project under CEQA as the temporary well permit procedures will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment. Section 15061(b)(3) provides that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. There is no possibility that the urgency ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, as the urgency ordinance temporarily extends the well permitting procedures enacted in compliance with Executive Order N-3-23 (and prior EO N-7-22).

Section 15307 (Class 7) consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Section 15308 (Class 8) consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The urgency ordinance will protect groundwater resources and the environment by extending well permitting procedures to ensure that new wells are consistent with the respective Groundwater Sustainability Plans and have sufficient separation from existing wells to minimize interference with nearby wells.

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Signature (Public Agency):



Date: 10-23-24

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 57-10242024-129
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jeff.anderson@yolocounty.gov	DATE 10/24/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE
 AGRICULTURAL WATER WELL URGENCY ORDINANCE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL jeff.anderson@yolocounty.gov	PHONE NUMBER (530) 666-8043
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 292 WEST BEAMER ST	CITY WOODLAND	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95695

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:


- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Zuri Hernandez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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