

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency
C/O West Yost, 2235 Mercury Way Suite 105
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Monitoring Network Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Four locations within the Sonoma Valley (see Figure 1 in Attachment A).

Project Location - City: Sonoma Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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 15306, 15304, and 15307. See Attachment A
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The installation of multi-level deep and shallow monitoring wells would result in minor, temporary alterations to the land but would not have a significant effect on the environment. The project consists of data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a major disturbance to an environmental, cultural, historical, or scenic resource. Well siting has taken into account potential sensitive habitats and locations and these areas have been avoided. There are no cumulative effects from the project or unusual circumstances which would lead to a significant effect on the environment. The project is part of a monitoring effort of the GSA that may or may not result in a future project, which has not yet been approved, funded, or adopted.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Bill Keene Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-483-2863

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: *William J. Keene* Date: 1/28/25 Title: Administrator

■ 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.

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