

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): _____

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: Richard Elton Date: _____ Title: _____

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 at OPR: _____

Attachment 1

Project Description:

The Merced Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA, Merced Subbasin GSA, and Turner Island Water District GSA #1 have obtained grant funds for SGMA implementation, which will be used in part to construct up to four dedicated groundwater level monitoring wells in various locations in eastern Merced County. The Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA is the implementing agency for this project. Each well will be designed to be a nested well to contain multiple 2-inch pipes measuring groundwater levels at multiple isolated depths above and below the Corcoran Clay aquitard. These wells will include telemetry equipment and will provide information on how groundwater management impacts local groundwater levels and basin conditions. In addition, Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA intends to install telemetry equipment with pressure transducers and other weather sensors on various other existing wells in the Merced Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan monitoring network in order to improve data collection frequency and accuracy.

Project Location:

Four new monitoring wells are proposed.

- Griffith Ave and Sunset Drive, northeast of Stevinson, CA in Merced County Road Right of Way
- Rahilly Road, 2.75 miles west of Highway 59 in Merced County Road Right of Way
- Northwest corner of Merced County APN 065-020-005. Southeast corner of Bert Crane Road and Lisbon Road in Merced County.
- Merced County APN 067-080-010, approximately 275 north of Gillette Avenue and 75 feet east of Plainsburg Cemetery Road.