

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Monterey

From: (Public Agency): Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
P.O. Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

(Address)

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Project Title: Salinas Valley Basin Monitoring Well Installation Project

Project Applicant: Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Project Location - Specific:

See attached.

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Project Location - City: Punedita, Salinas, Soledad, Greenfield, San Ardo, and Bradley

Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Installation of 2 monitoring wells in the Langley Area Subbasin, 2 monitoring wells in the Eastside Aquifer Subbasin, 4 monitoring wells in the Forebay Aquifer Subbasin, and 3 monitoring wells in the Upper Valley Aquifer Subbasin. These wells will be used to collect groundwater elevation data at strategic locations and will become part of the representative monitoring networks for the Subbasin. The data from these wells will be used to evaluate groundwater conditions under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Monterey - Environmental Health Bureau

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Salinas 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: 15306, INFORMATION COLLECTION Class 6
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

1. Ministerial Project Section 21080 exempts projects where public agencies exercise only ministerial authority from the application of CEQA. These wells require only a ministerial well permit from the County.
2. Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities. This project is being done for the purpose of data collection to evaluate and manage groundwater resources by a public agency, and therefore qualifies under this exemption.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sarah Hardgrave Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 471-7512 x208

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: *[Signature]* Date: 5/2/25 Title: Deputy General Manager

▪ 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: _____