

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Modesto Subbasin Groundwater Monitoring Network Augmentation

Project Location - Specific: Cities of Modesto, Riverbank, Oakdale, Waterford, and Stanislaus County Multiple Locations. Lat/Long: 37.66, -120.99

Project Location - City: Cities of Modesto, Riverbank, Oakdale, Waterford, and Stanislaus County
Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project consists of construction of 18 additional 3-inch monitoring wells at locations Cities of Modesto, Riverbank, Oakdale, Waterford, and Stanislaus County. Each well will be installed in an 8-inch borehole with total depth varying between approximately 50 to 400 feet. The purpose of this project is to supplement the groundwater monitoring network established to collect static water level data and in-situ water quality information to better understand and manage groundwater use to ultimately achieve sustainable groundwater pumping. The City of Modesto is the Lead Agency undertaking this project on behalf of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne River Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency (STRGBA GSA).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Modesto


Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Modesto, Utilities Department

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: Classes 3, 6, and 7 New Construction of Small Structures, Information Collection, and Actions for the Protection of Natural Resources, Guidelines 15303, 15306, and 15307
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is an augmentation of the existing Groundwater Monitoring Project undertaken in 2018 and currently consisting of 20 monitoring wells. The project is consistent with the provisions of the Class 3 exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities, and the provisions of the Class 6 exemption which provides for data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to the environment, and is further pursuant to Class 7 as an action undertaken to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource (groundwater sustainability). None of the exceptions enumerated in Guidelines Section 15300.2 are applicable.

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Signature:  Date: 6/16/2020

Title: Engineering Division Manager Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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