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Project located in Stanislaus and Merced Counties (See Figure 1)
Time period provided for review: 30 days

PROJECT NAME: Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Monitoring Network Augmentation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project consists of construction of up to 6 monitoring well sites, with three which will include multi-depth monitoring wells as follows:

1. Up to three monitoring well sites located in Stanislaus County:
 - a. Two multi-depth wells (containing two monitoring wells in one borehole) located at two different sites west of the Cities of Turlock and Ceres but east of the San Joaquin River
 - b. One well in southeastern Stanislaus County near Turlock Lake.

2. Up to three monitoring well sites located in Merced County:
 - a. One well in northeastern Merced County south of Turlock Lake
 - b. One well in northern Merced County near the community of Ballico.
 - c. One multi-depth well (containing two monitoring wells in one borehole) at a site west of the community of Hilmar but east of the San Joaquin River.

Each 4-5 inch monitoring well will be installed in an approximately 8 to 12-inch borehole with total depth varying between approximately 50 to 400 feet. These wells are for monitoring purposes only. Where appropriate, multi-depth monitoring wells will be constructed (including two 4-5 inch monitoring wells in the same borehole) enabling two aquifers to be monitored discretely. 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 further the goal of sustainable groundwater use in the Turlock Subbasin. The West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency is the Lead Agency undertaking this project on behalf of both the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

PROJECT LOCATION: Various locations within the Turlock Subbasin in both the southern portion of Stanislaus and northern portion of Merced counties. Locations include: Stanislaus County west of the Cities of Ceres and Turlock and east of the San Joaquin River; Stanislaus County in the vicinity of Turlock Lake; Merced County south of Turlock Lake; Merced County in the vicinity of the community of Ballico, and Merced County west of the community of Hilmar and east of the San Joaquin River. (See Figure 1)

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EXEMPT STATUS:

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15629(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15629(b)(c)]
- Review for Exemption [Section 15262]
- Categorical Exemption [Sections 15303, 15306 and 15307]

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

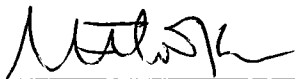
The proposed project will augment the existing groundwater monitoring network and support local Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation. The project is consistent with the provisions of the Class 3 exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities, 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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FIGURE 1

