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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Duarte Nursery Hughson Public Water System (5000465)

Applicant Information: Duarte Nursery, Inc., 1555 Baldwin Road, Hughson, CA 95326

Project Location: 1555 Baldwin Road Hughson, CA 95326

Project Location – County: Stanislaus

APN: 018-016-031

Description of Project: The project involves permitting a replacement water well for the Duarte Nursery, Inc. Public Water System serving the on-site potable water demands for a commercial agricultural nursery in Hughson, CA. To the best of the record that can be reasonably determined the existing well was drilled decades ago and has outlasted its useful service life, but more significantly the water derived from the well no longer can meet drinking water standards for Nitrate, Arsenic, and 1,2,3,-TCP. Test wells drilled on the property show that the water quality in the deeper strata of the same water aquifer system (480 to 500 feet below ground surface) can meet the drinking water requirements for these constituents. The existing well will be replaced by two proposed wells (GH15W and GH15E) of identical design and capacity to provide 100% system redundancy in the event of interrupted service and/or rotating maintenance schedules. The two "replacement" wells will be plumbed into the existing distribution system and will not be used to create any new potable or non-potable demand. The existing well serving the property will be destroyed as soon as possible after the new wells are functioning and online. The new "replacement wells" are found to be exempt from any further CEQA review as they constitute a categorical exemption (like-for-like) replacement of an existing facility.

Name of Agency Approving Project: Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources

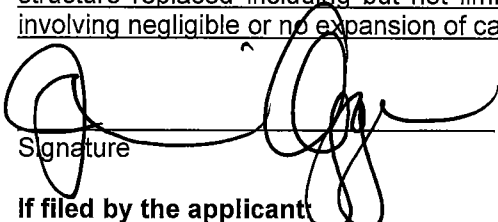
Lead Agency Contact Person: Karl Quinn

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Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: per CCR Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Sections 15300 to 15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- General Exemption.

Reasons why the project is exempt: The two well applications (Stanislaus County Well Permit No. 2019-176 and Permit No. 2019-177) consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structures will be located on the same site as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced including but not limited to replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.


Signature

Director
Title

6/10/2020
Date

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If filed by the 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