

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

585 Fiscal Dr, Room 103

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources
Control Board, Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812

(Address)

Project Title: Temporary Urgency Change Petition of Permit 16596

Project Applicant: Sonoma County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

5590 Sebastopol Road (Highway 12), Sonoma County, California

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Sonoma County Water Agency filed a Temporary Urgency Change Petition with the Division of Water Rights on February 19, 2025 seeking authorization to add a point of diversion under its water right Permit 16596 to conduct an aquifer storage and recovery pilot study at an existing well in the Santa Rosa Plain groundwater basin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Water 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: 15304(f) minor alterations to land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The proposed action is statutorily exempt from CEQA Statue 21080(b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines 15269(b)(c), which provides that specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency are exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ken Emanuel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 341-5317

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:  Date: 8/18/2025 Title: Supervising WRCE

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: _____