

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19881 - Ground Mounted Solar Arrays for Rancho Llano Seco Project

**Project Applicant:** Parrott Investment Company Inc.

**Project Location:** The project is located at 8369 Hugh Barber Lane, Durham, CA 95938, within Area B of the Butte Basin at 39.60485°N 121.94529°W, Butte Basin, Butte County.

**Project Description:** To install two ground mounted photovoltaic systems on the same parcel located within the Butte Basin. One system will feed an existing well pump for agricultural use ("Bull Pasture" site) located approximately 2,000 feet East of Hugh Barber Lane. A trench will be excavated for placing a conduit line to connect to the existing well pump. A new service panelboard will be installed on a 5-foot earthen berm. A new solar AC disconnect will be installed on the existing main service line. The other system will have a new electrical service for solar generation ("Willow Crossing" site), located approximately 1,000 feet West of Hugh Barber Lane. A trench will be excavated for placing the conduit line to connect to a new service line. A new solar AC disconnect, and a new main service line will be installed.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

**Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Parrott Investment Company Inc.

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15303 & 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303), because the activity consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

*Chris Lief*

5/23/2025

Signature                      Chris Lief, Executive Officer                      Date

- Signed by Public Agency       Signed by Responsible Agency

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.