

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Amador
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

From: (Public Agency): Amador Water Agency
12800 Ridge Road
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

(Address)

Project Title: Tanner WTP - Tanner Backwash Drying Beds Project (TAN 1A.11, WO# 7324106)

Project Applicant: Amador Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

12800 Ridge Road, Sutter Creek, CA 95865, Tanner Water Treatment Plant

Project Location - City: NA Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Construction of new concrete drying beds, and subsurface infiltration beds for water disposal within existing disturbed water treatment site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Amador Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amador 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: 15301 - Existing Facilities, 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction, 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of replacing the existing sludge management system (dewatering system and use of the existing holding pond). The Project would utilize areas of prior excavation and infrastructure, with negligible or no expansion of capacity from the existing Tanner WTP site use, and construction of utility infrastructure and associated structures to support the new sludge management system. No exceptions to the application of these exemptions have been identified. The Project would be consistent with the existing land uses, on a developed and highly disturbed site, with limited construction scope, no increase in staffing or regular operational trips, consistent with the height and use limitations requirements from the ALUC, and would operate within the Tanner WTP's existing permitted capacity. Due to the limited extent of the project, absence of impact to nearby sensitive receptors, absence of significant air quality, noise, biological resources, land use, traffic, VMT or water quality impacts, the AWA use of the "common sense" exemption per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) is appropriate.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Larry B. McKenney Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 257-5245

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: May 22, 2025 Title: General Manager

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.

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