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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____
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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 Petitions of Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950 and 16596

Project Applicant: Sonoma County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:
Upper and lower Russian River in Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Mendocino and Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Sonoma County Water Agency filed temporary urgency change petitions with the Division of Water Rights on April 11, 2025. The petitions request temporary changes to the hydrologic flow index and minimum instream flows contained in State Water Resources Control Board Decision 1610 that affect its instream flow requirements in the Russian River.

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

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: Sections: 15307, 15308
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under California Public Resources Code, Division 13, Section 21080(b)(4) that provides that specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency are exempt from CEQA, and categorical exemptions under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308.

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: 6/27/2025 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: _____