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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma Resource Conservation District
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
(Address)

Project Title: SA-2 Vineyard Groundwater Recharge Pilot - Pipeline and Well Installation

Project Applicant: Dry Creek Rancheria 1450 Airport Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Location - Specific:
3315 HWY 128

Project Location - City: Geyserville Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project will install 1,850 feet of 12 inch irrigation pipeline. This project will install one well of common local size with an electrical platform and electrical service to the well. Included with the pipeline is an irrigation screen filter and two points of connection to existing irrigation systems. The pipeline will be trenched in existing vineyard roads, in an existing vineyard and be attached to an existing rail car bridge over a drainage. The average depth of trench will be 4.5 feet. Surfaces will be restored to pre-project like condition and there will be no net fill of project materials on site. The purpose of this project is to supply water for groundwater recharge through existing irrigation systems.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dry Creek Rancheria

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: 15061(b),15303(b),(d),(f),15304(b), (f),15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is exempt under the category 15061, Existing Facilities, Example (b) because the pipeline and appurtenant facilities are consistent with standard agricultural irrigation systems and will be installed entirely within existing vineyard roads. The work will not result in any land use changes or significant environmental effects. The pipe and pump infrastructure is exempt under 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Example (b) because the well pump structures are subject to a Riparian Zoning permit, Example (d) due to the small size and limited number of pump housing structures, and Example (f) because there will be minor trenching for pipeline placement within existing vineyard roads. The interconnection into existing on-farm sprinklers and water application systems is exempt under 15301, Existing Facilities, because it involves minor alterations to existing private structures and infrastructure. The project is also exempt under 15306, Information Collection, because it is an investigative pilot project focused on basic data gathering and research, and will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Fatima Burhan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-569-1448 x104

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: [signature] Date: 08/12/2025 Title: Executive Director

☒ 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:

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