NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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FROM:
State Water Resources Control Board
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Project Applicant: City of Atwater

Project Title: Well 20A Construction (Project)

Project Location: 709 Rancho Vista Dr., Atwater, CA 95301

Project County: Merced County

Project Description: Existing potable Well 20 failed. Project includes a new Well 20A drilled at the same site as Well 20 and destroying Well 20. The capacity of Well 20A is designed to be close to the capacity of Well 20. Well 20A will be treated to remove 1,2,3-trichloropropane with granular activated carbon. The well is for potable water use into the City of Atwater's distribution system.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a domestic water supply permit amendment, plan approval for the above-described Project on September 2, 2025. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction Cal. Code of Regs., section 15302

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Project is exempt because Well 20A will replace the destroyed Well 20 with negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Signature: Orlando M. Gonzalez Digitally signed by Orlando M. Gonzalez Date: 2025.09.02 16:08:02 -07'00'

Water Boards

Title: Merced District Engineer

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