

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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☒ Shasta County Clerk
County of Shasta
P.O. Box 990880, 1643 Market Street
Redding, CA 96099-0880

FROM: City of Redding
Public Works Department
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Groundwater Transfer and Facilities Cost-Sharing Agreement and Emergency Intertie Agreement

Project Location – Specific: 777 Cypress Avenue

Project Location – City: Redding **Project Location – County:** Shasta

Description of Project: The City of Redding (City) will enter into agreements with the Bella Vista Water District (District) to augment the District's water supply in order to mitigate water supply impacts associated with new developments occurring within the City and served by the District and to remove water service as a barrier for orderly development within the City and the District overlap areas. This agreement has an initial term, estimated at thirty (30) years, with two (2) optional ten (10) year extensions. A new Emergency Intertie Agreement will be executed to set forth the City's and District's respective rights, duties, and obligations. This agreement will continue until either party determines that the agreement is not in their best interest and provides the required notifications.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redding

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ryan Bailey, Assistant Public Works Director

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)]
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- ☒ Common Sense Exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3]).
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
 - ☐ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRD 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2).

Reasons why project is exempt: CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The agreements will allow a maximum transfer of 1,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year and will not result in physical alteration of the environment. The action has been reviewed and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Kelley

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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: 

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

Date: 9-24-2025

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☐ Signed by Applicant