Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: _____
Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 11/13/2025
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 12/14/2025
Doc No.49-11132025-459

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** ☒ Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**FROM** (Public Agency): Sonoma County Water Agency
404 Aviation Blvd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Project Title:** Sonoma County Water Agency's River Diversion Structure Modernization Project (Project)

**Project Location- Specific:** 10290 Westside Road, Forestville, CA.

**Project Location – City:** Forestville **Project Location – County:** Sonoma

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) River Diversion Structure (RDS) facility was originally constructed in 1975 to divert water from the Russian River into a series of infiltration ponds that recharge the alluvial aquifer that feeds collectors 3, 4, and 5. The RDS' primary pumping, electrical, and control equipment has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement.

The Project will install upgrades to the facility such as medium voltage step-down transformer; motor control center; three vertical turbine pumps, facility lighting; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning; and a programmable logic controller that will improve the reliability of the water transmission system by replacing aging infrastructure with resilient and redundant equipment. The controls for the system will be modernized to allow for additional data to be collected that will be used to improve efficiency and operations.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency

**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: 15301(b) Existing Facilities; and 15302(c) Replacement or Reconstruction
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project will consist of replacement of existing publicly-owned utility systems involving negligible or no expansion of use by upgrading aging electrical equipment and infrastructure on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the systems replaced. The Project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Connie Barton **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 707-547-1905

| Signature | Title | Date |
|---|---|---|
| | General Manager | November 13, 2025 |

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☒ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

# 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-11132025-459

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

| LEAD AGENCY | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY | | 11/13/2025 |

| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING | DOCUMENT NUMBER |
|---|---|
| SONOMA | 25-1113-06 |

PROJECT TITLE

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY'S RIVER DIVERSION STRUCTURE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER |
|---|---|---|
| SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY | | (707) 547-1905 |

| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 404 AVIATION BOULEVARD | SANTA ROSA | CA | 95403 |

**PROJECT APPLICANT** *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | $4,123.50 | $ |
| ☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | $2,968.75 | $ |
| ☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | $1,401.75 | $ |

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| ☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | $850.00 | $ |
| ☒ County documentary handling fee | | $ $50.00 |
| ☐ Other | | $ |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

| SIGNATURE | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE |
|---|---|
| X Christina Prado-Mendoza | Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder |

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)