

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): CA. Dept. of Water Resources
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: DWR Extreme Climate Telemetry Program Chowchilla Water District and the Lower San Joaquin Levee District Continuous Global Navigation Satellite System

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources, Sustainable Groundwater Management Office

Project Location - Specific:

Dairyland, CA (37.00986, -120.34915); Mendota, CA (36.77403, -120.28594)

Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location - County:** Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Water Resources is proposing to install new continuously operating Global Navigation Satellite System stations at two sites in Madera County. The stations will continuously measure the three-dimensional position at the site with the focus of monitoring for vertical movement; land subsidence. These monitoring stations will play an important role in groundwater monitoring under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

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: Section 15036, Information Collection (Class 6)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

These monitoring stations would be incorporated into the larger basin groundwater elevation monitoring program to assess groundwater conditions. Proposed activities are covered under Categorical Exemption Class 6 Section 15306 (Data Collection) of the California Environmental Quality Act, and will not impact any environmental resources, including scenic resources, cultural resources, or special status species. The Project would not result in any significant impacts to the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tad Bedegrew **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 916-425-4394

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: Tad Bedegrew **Date:** 12/16/2025 **Title:** Sr. Engineering Geologist

☐ 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: _____