

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
Division of Multibenefit Initiatives
715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Exploratory Borings and Conceptual Well Design (can be applied to Wells 4, 5, or future wells)

Project Applicant: Orangevale Water Company

Project Location - Specific:

N/A, project is initiating design phase.

Project Location - City: Orangevale Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project consists of conceptual design and drilling exploratory borings for basic data collection and evaluation of underlying resources. The information is being collected for planning studies for possible future actions. The project will result in minor alteration to land and not involve removal of mature trees, nor will it cause any major disturbance to any environmental resource.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orangevale Water Company

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: 15304, 15306 and 15262
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

DWR fully supports the justification for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA. The project design phase does not require permits. County of Sacramento Permits will be obtained for the borings for exploratory drilling. OVWC will decide whether or not to proceed with further actions upon consideration of the completed design and exploratory work. At this time, there is no decision to proceed with any construction.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Grayson Sandy Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-291-6365

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: Michelle Jespersen Date: 3/26/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager I

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: _____