

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Applicant: Hollister Ranch Estates Mutual Water Company

Project Title: Well 3 Project

Project Location: Union Road & Geneil Court, Hollister, 95023, APN: 02113003760

Project County: San Benito

Project Description: The Applicant proposes to operate a new well (Well No. 3) that has been constructed under a ministerial permit from the San Benito County. The water system currently has two wells, near the proposed location of Well No. 3 but is under a compliance order because they do not meet the maximum daily demand. The new well will be connected to a new electrical panel near existing Well No. 1 by 170 feet of conduit, and 75 feet of pipe will connect Well No. 3 to the existing 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 permit amendment for the above-described Project on April 22, 2026 approval issued. 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 1: Existing Facilities, Cal. Code of Regs., section 15301

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Project is exempt because it is the operation of a new well at an existing water system with no change in use. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

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