

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Tulare County
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency + Applicant
From: (Public Agency): City of Exeter
137 North F Street
Exeter, CA 93221

(Address)

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TULARE COUNTY

MAY - 4 2026

Project Title: Exeter Test Well Drilling and Sampling #2

ASSESSOR / CLERK-RECORDER
BY:

Project Applicant: City of Exeter

Project Location - Specific:

Just south of the West Firebaugh Avenue and South G Street intersection; APN 135-109-031

Project Location - City: Exeter Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Exeter (City) proposes to drill one test hole at the City of Exeter Public Works Yard to gather information on water quantity and quality that will be used for the design of a production well. The test hole will be properly abandoned once the sampling and testing is completed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Exeter

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Exeter

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6 15306- Information Collection
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Article 19 Categorical Exemptions, Section 15306 states that "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource..." are exempt from CEQA. The proposed Project is needed for information collection and gathering to assist with the evaluation of groundwater that could potentially be used to meet the City's current and future demands. One test hole would be drilled and ground disturbance would be minimal. No exceptions were identified. Therefore, the Project is exempt under CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jason Ridenour Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 592-4539

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: [Signature] Date: 4-30-2026 Title: City Administrator

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:

CITY OF EXETER

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF TULARE
CITY OF EXETER**

I, Francesca Quintana, City Clerk of the City of Exeter, California, do hereby certify as follows:

That the attached is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-12, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EXETER, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR THE EXETER TEST WELL DRILLING AND SAMPLING #2 PROJECT”

duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Exeter at a regular meeting held on April 28, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: LENTZ, RIDDLE, WILSON, JOHNSON, ALVES

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Exeter this 30th day of April 2026.


Francesca Quintana

City Clerk

City of Exeter



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EXETER, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR THE EXETER TEST WELL DRILLING AND SAMPLING #2 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Exeter (City) is implementing the Tooleville Emergency Intertie Project to connect the disadvantaged community of Tooleville to the City's municipal water system, which includes the construction of a new municipal production well; and

WHEREAS, as a subtask of the Tooleville Emergency Intertie Project, the City proposes to drill one test hole at the City of Exeter Public Works Yard, located just south of the West Firebaugh Avenue and South G Street intersection (Assessor's Parcel Number 135-109-031), to gather water quantity and water quality data needed to design the new production well (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the test hole will be properly abandoned upon completion of sampling and testing in accordance with applicable state and local well standards, and no permanent structures will be constructed as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, all costs of the Project will be paid from the state grant funding previously awarded to the City for the Tooleville Emergency Intertie Project, with no impact to the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15306 (Information Collection), as it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and no exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Exemption has been prepared for the Project and is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and City staff desires to file the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Public Resources Code Sections 21108 and 21152.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EXETER HEREBY FINDS,
DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Exeter Test Well Drilling and Sampling #2 Project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15306 (Information Collection), as the Project consists of basic data collection, research,

and resource evaluation activities that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and no exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Section 3. The Notice of Exemption attached hereto is hereby approved, and the City Administrator and/or City Clerk, or their designee, is authorized and directed to execute and file the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research, together with any required filing fees.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, sections, words or parts thereof of the Resolution or their applicability to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Exeter this 28th day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: WILSON, ALVES, LENTZ, RIDDLE, JOHNSON
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0



Jacob Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Francesca Quintana, City Clerk