This notice was posted on 07/24/2026 and will remain posted for a period of 30 days through 08/23/2026 Receipt No. 20-07242026-050 Doc. No. 2026050.
Rebecca Martinez, Madera County Clerk-Recorder

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: Madera
200 W 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637

From: (Public Agency): Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District
425 N. Gateway, Suite K
Madera CA 93637
(Address)

Project Title: Two New Turnouts on the Chowchilla Bypass

Project Applicant: NOWA Mutual Water Company

Project Location - Specific: North Turnout Latitude & Longitude: 36.91467, - 120.33340
South Turnout Latitude & Longitude: 36.89816, -120.32677
North turnout: adjacent to 041-051-004. South turnout: adjacent to 041-111-006.

Project Location - City: _____ **Project Location - County:** Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project is for two new turnout structures on the Chowchilla Bypass to move water to adjacent properties owned by the Samran family. The two new turnout structures will each include a concrete pump box, control box, and fish screen and be approximately 60 feet wide total and a maximum height of 38 feet.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: NOWA Mutual 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: Class 3 - 15303(d) Construction of Small Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 3 consists of the construction of small facilities or structures including water conveyance improvements. The project includes fish screens, inlet and outlet structures, rip-rap, canal gates and conveyance piping.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amy Siliznoff **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (626) 483-1345

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: _____ **Date:** 7/23/26 **Title:** Executive Director

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: _____

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:	20-07242026-050
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
MADERA/CHOWCHILLA RESOURCE		07/24/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
MADERA	2026050

PROJECT TITLE

TWO NEW TURNOUTS ON THE CHOWCHILLA BYPASS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
NOWA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY		(626) 483-1345

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
425 N. GATEWAY, SUITE E	MADERA	CA	93637

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$

☒ Exempt from fee

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

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

☐ 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 [signature]	Jose Gonzalez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

Rebecca Martinez
County Clerk-Recorder
200 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637
Clerk (559) 675-7721; Recorder (559) 675-7724; Elections (559) 675-7720

Receipt: 26-15176

Product	Name	Extended
FISH	CEQA FISH AND WILDLIFE FILING	$50.00

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Total $50.00

Tender (VitalChek) $50.00
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Thank You
Please retain this for your records

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7/24/26, 9:31 AM PST

07/24/2026 09:07 AM PDT

MADERA COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
200 WEST FOURTH STREET
MADERA, CA 93637

TERMINAL NAME: E2244602

ORDER# 224430586

PAYMENT

MISC $25.00

AGENCY SUBTOTAL: $25.00
LEXISNEXIS SERVICE FEE: $2.50

TOTAL USD: $27.50

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