

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Demuth Test Well Project

Project Location Specific: The Project is located at 9841 Wohler Road, Forestville, California, APN# 110-220-001, 110-220-009, 110-220-010, 110-220-014, 083-101-044, and 083-010-028 .

Project Location – City: Forestville

Project Location – County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of conducting a hydrogeologic study (Study) to evaluate groundwater conditions and support potential well development. Study activities completed to date include two phases of geophysical surveys and the installation of four groundwater monitoring wells.

The Project includes construction of one 14-inch-diameter stainless steel test well to an approximate depth of 100 feet below ground surface. The test well will be designed to pump groundwater at rates comparable to those of a municipal supply well. Following well installation, a pumping test will be conducted, and groundwater level and pumping data will be collected from the test well and the four existing monitoring wells. The data will be used to characterize and quantify the hydrogeologic properties of the site, including groundwater production capacity, aquifer response, and hydraulic characteristics.

Lead Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Lead Agency Contact Name and Phone: Connie Barton 707-547-1905

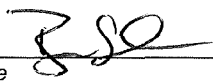
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Exempt Status (check one):

- ☐ 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: Sections 15304, Minor Alterations to Land and 15306, Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of exploratory well drilling to evaluate site suitability and support potential future investigations. The project would not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees or result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Signature 

General Manager
Title

August 4, 2026
Date

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Approving the Project

Date received for filing at OPR: _____