

COUNTY RECORDER

Filing Requested by:

Yolo County Community Services Dept.

Name

292 West Beamer Street

Address

Woodland, CA 95695

City, State, Zip

Attention: Jeff Anderson, Planning Manager

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Notice of Exemption

To: Yolo County Clerk
625 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

To: Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814



From: Yolo County Community Services Dept.

State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: **Agricultural Water Well Ordinance – Extension of Temporary Moratorium (Urgency Ordinance No. 1588)**

Applicant/Owner: Yolo County Community Services Department
292 West Beamer Street
Woodland, CA 95695
Staff Contact: April Meneghetti, Director of Environmental Health, (530) 666-8646

Project Location: Countywide

Project Description: On August 26, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance imposing a temporary 45-day moratorium on the approval or issuance of well permits for new agricultural, non-exempt wells located within the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency's designated Focus Areas, which has since been extended with the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1577 on October 7, 2025 for an additional 10 months and 15 days (through August 25, 2026) to allow time to better understand, among other things, the impacts of land use changes, particularly the hardening of groundwater demands with increased crop conversions to perennial crops.

Domestic wells (wells producing less than two acre-feet per year for individual domestic water use), public supply system wells as defined in Health & Safety Code § 116275, monitoring wells or other wells not intended for extraction of groundwater, and minor alterations to certain existing wells were exempted from the temporary moratorium. On November 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1580 amending Urgency Ordinance No. 1577 to also exempt certain replacement wells that may otherwise cause costly delays by allowing for a timelier replacement of existing wells that may fail or need replacement while the moratorium is in effect.

Urgency Ordinance No. 1588, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 25, 2026, extends the temporary moratorium on the approval or issuance of well permits for new agricultural, non-exempt wells located within the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency's designated Focus Areas for one additional year through August 25, 2027.

The Urgency Ordinance is effective immediately (August 25, 2026).

Exempt Status:

Section 15060(c)(2), Preliminary Review; Section 15061(b)(3), Review for Exemption (Common Sense Exemption)

Categorical Exemptions: Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources; Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15060(c)(2) provides that an activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The ordinance simply exempts replacement

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wells from the moratorium to allow for the replacement of existing wells that do not result in an increase in pumping capacity, while prohibiting conversion of the property to new perennial crops while the moratorium is pending. It is therefore not a project under CEQA as the additional exemption to the moratorium will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment. Further, Section 15061(b)(3) provides that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. There is no possibility that the ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, as the ordinance continues the existing moratorium on permitting new wells without impeding ongoing agricultural practices that may require replacement wells with the same or lower pumping capacity.

Section 15307 (Class 7) consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Section 15308 (Class 8) consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The ordinance will maintain the status quo of the existing moratorium on new agricultural wells, pending further review of potential changes to well permitting procedures and land use regulations related to certain crop conversions. It will also continue to protect groundwater resources and the environment by limiting the permitting of certain replacement wells that will not result in the conversion of land to perennial crops or otherwise increase the existing pumping capacity of the replacement well while the temporary moratorium is in effect.

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Signature (Public Agency):  Date: 8/27/26

Date received for filing at LCI: N/A

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

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

RECEIPT NUMBER:
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jeff.anderson@yolocounty.gov	DATE 08/27/2026
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PROJECT TITLE

AGRICULTURAL WATER WELL ORDINANCE - EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM (URGENCY)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL jeff.anderson@yolocounty.gov	PHONE NUMBER (530) 666-8043
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 292 WEST BEAMER STREET	CITY WOODLAND	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95695

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

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Marcos Alcala-Flores, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder