

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Merced
2222 M St.

Merced, CA 95340

From: (Public Agency): Planada CSD
103 Live oak St.
Planada, CA 95635

(Address)

Project Title: Well No.5 PFAS Mitigation Project

Project Applicant: Planada Community Services District

Project Location - Specific:

Well No.5 is located on the south side of Krafft Road between Galvez Drive and Arguello Drive.

Project Location - City: Planada Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of preparing a planning study to evaluate feasible alternatives to address PFAS contamination in Well No.5.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Planada Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Planada Community Services District

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 6 (§.15306)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

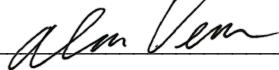
The project is considered planning which includes PFAS assessment, feasibility study, and preparation of construction documents. The project will include basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alan Vera Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 382-0213

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: 09-17-2026 Title: District Manager

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: _____