Notice of Exemption

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LEAD AGENCY:
City of Exeter
137 North F Street
Exeter, CA 93221

PROJECT TITLE: Well E9AW Construction

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Exeter

PROJECT LOCATION – Specific: The proposed Well E9AW will be constructed on the existing City-owned parcel at the former Well E9W site, located west of Albert Avenue and north of Visalia Road, in the central-western portion of the City of Exeter. The new well bore will be offset from the abandoned E9W casing by a minimum of 25 feet to avoid interference with the collapsed borehole.

PROJECT LOCATION – City: Exeter **County:** Tulare

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project activities include drilling, casing, and screening a new groundwater production well at the existing Well E9W site; developing and pump testing the well; equipping it with a pump, motor, and wellhead disinfection system; reconnecting existing electrical, piping, and SCADA infrastructure; abandoning in place the former Well E9W.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of Exeter

NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:
City of Exeter
137 North F Street
Exeter, CA 93221
(559) 592-9244

EXEMPT STATUS: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14 CCR 15302 Class 02 (c): Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15302 Class 2 exemptions apply to the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Examples include but are not limited to:

(c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project involves the construction of a new groundwater production well, Well E9AW, to replace the former Well E9W, an existing public water supply well that was permanently removed from service after a casing collapse rendered it inoperable. The replacement well will be constructed on the same City-owned parcel as the former well, offset only as necessary to avoid interference with the collapsed borehole, and will serve the same purpose as a groundwater production source for the City's existing public water system. The proposed production capacity of Well E9AW is intended to restore the historical production capacity of the site, which had declined as the former well aged. Since the project replaces an existing public utility facility on the same site, serves substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facility being replaced, and does not expand the City's existing water service area or overall water system capacity beyond the pre-existing condition, the project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:
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Signature 9/23/26
Date

Authority cited: Sections 15061, 15062, 15300.2, 15302 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.