Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Kern
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From: (Public Agency): Lost Hills Water District
8501 Brimhall Road, Suite 202
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(Address)

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Project Title: Lost Hills Water District Meter Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Lost Hills Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Various existing Lost Hills Water District water turnout and meter locations within the District service area in western Kern County.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Kern County Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replacement of approximately 110 existing water meters at existing Lost Hills Water District turnout facilities. Work includes removal and replacement of meters and associated aboveground fittings and appurtenances. No excavation, trenching, grading, or other ground disturbance is proposed, and the Project will not expand the existing water system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lost Hills Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lost Hills Water 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: Section 15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities, because it consists of minor alteration and replacement of existing water-metering equipment at existing District facilities with no expansion of existing use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Justin Rowe Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-633-9022

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: 11/5/26 Title: General 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: _____