Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Sheridan Well # 1 Replacement Project

Project Location: Placer County Assessor's Parcel Number 019-150-015

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sheridan Well #1 has been serving residences in Sheridan, in the unincorporated area of Placer County, since 1969. The well is one of three that work together as necessary to serve two hundred connections as the primary source of water. Combined, the wells provide the redundancy needed to provide greater than, or equal to, 200% of the maximum daily demand to ensure that the water supply can continue to meet water needs if/when one well is temporarily out of service. Sheridan Well #1 has been discovered to have significant structural issues such that a new well must be drilled and the existing well must be decommissioned. Well construction will include pumps, instrumentation controls, and a 10' x 12' concrete precast control building all within the existing fenced and previously disturbed area occupied by Sheridan Well #1. The replacement well will be drilled to a depth as needed to mimic existing well yields of 250-gallons per minute. Existing Sheridan Well #1 will be decommissioned. Decommissioning will include cutting off the existing well casing five feet below grade, filling the existing well shaft with concrete or pressure grout to five feet below grade, then covering the area with native soil. Project work is expected to take several months, depending on weather conditions. Standard best management practices will be implemented during construction and appropriate storm water pollution control measures will be in place to prevent storm water pollution in the event of precipitation during construction.

The project area consists entirely of previously developed or disturbed land. No new undeveloped areas will be disturbed, and the project will not affect sensitive environmental resources. The project will be implemented in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, including all necessary California State Water Resources Control Board, Placer County Health and Human Services permits. All necessary permits and approvals for the work will be obtained prior to commencement of work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Placer

Entitlement/Action Date: 11/10/26

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(2)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15302(c)

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c) Replacement or Reconstruction. Section 15302(c) specifically refers to the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The project consists of replacement of existing water supply improvements within the existing facility footprint, that will ensure continued redundancy of water supply capability as required by State drinking water system regulations.

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Signature _____ Date 11/5/26

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