

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Tehama

727 Oak Street

Red Bluff, CA 96080

From: (Public Agency): Tehama County
727 Oak Street,
Red Bluff, CA

(Address)

Project Title: New Well and Water System Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Norcal Water Works

Project Location - Specific:

APN: 047-230-020, 047-120-035, north of the City of Los Molinos.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project involves the replacement of an existing Norcal Water System well to address ongoing source and storage capacity issues and support the managerial consolidation of a water system that currently lacks adequate oversight. Since 2018, the system has failed to submit required water quality test results, leading to a boil water notice in March 2020. In June 2024, attempted repairs revealed that the well was improperly constructed without a sanitary seal and had significant casing deterioration, making rehabilitation unfeasible. Replacing the well, and it's appurtenant infrastructure is necessary to restore safe, reliable drinking water and to facilitate improved long-term management of the water system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tehama County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Norcal Water Works

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: 15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The proposed Project involves the replacement of an existing well and it's appurtenant structures within the small water system, located approximately 400 feet east from the location of the abandoned well being replaced. The replacement well would not increase system capacity and is intended to restore the existing level of service while addressing water source and quality deficiencies. No expansion of use or capacity would occur as a result of the Project. This Project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tia Branton TCEH

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 930.515.8959

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: A. n

Date: 10/24/2025

Title: Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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