

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** State Water Resources Control Board  
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**SCH#:** 2016058115

**Project #:** 2400167-001P

**PROJECT TITLE:** Secondary Well Project (Project).

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 11456 N. Santa Fe Drive, Ballico, Merced County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the responsible agency. The SWRCB's Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) Program is providing state funds for the project. The Ballico Community Service District (CSD) proposes to conduct planning activities (including performing hydrological and geotechnical investigations, drilling test wells, and preparing environmental and technical documents) in anticipation of a future construction project.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The SWRCB has approved the project described above on May 13, 2019 and has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Ballico CSD will be carrying out the project.

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

Class 6 Information Collection  
(CCR, Title 14, Sec. 15306)

**"NEPA-LIKE" EXCLUSION STATUS:**

Pursuant to CFR, Title 40, Part 6, Subpart B, Section 6.204(a)(2)(iii).  
Information Collection, Planning, Monitoring and Sample Collection

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project involves information gathering. Project activities will not result in any significant effects upon the environment.

Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply.

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