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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
901 P Street, Room 313B
Sacramento, CA

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Phase 2 Basin Prioritization

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Statewide

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources is required by Water Code section 10722.4 and 10933 to prioritize groundwater basins and subbasins for the purposes of SGMA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: No Possibility of Significant Effect (15061(b))
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Department has determined that its prioritization of groundwater basins is not a project under CEQA, and that if it were a project it would be eligible for the "common sense" exception (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)) on the grounds that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Steven Springhorn Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 651-9273

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 12-18-19 Title: Executive Sponsor

[X] 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: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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