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**Subject: CEQA Notice of Exemption – Foulke Monitoring Well Installation**

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The purpose of this letter is to submit the enclosed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption form (Appendix E) to install a multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well approximately 2.4 miles northwest of the town of Gazelle, in Siskiyou County. The California Department of Water Resources is proposing to install the observation well on the property owned by Siskiyou County, located along the west side of Old Westside Road and south of the intersection with Foulke Lane to the west and Greenhouse Lane to the east. The Foulke multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well will be incorporated into the larger Shasta Valley groundwater elevation monitoring program.

The completed well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 1,000 feet and consist of three to four discrete monitoring zones to be determined by the site geologist/engineer after the completion of the test hole and downhole geophysical survey. The well will be drilled with a rotary drill rig and mud pump. Other necessary equipment onsite may include a pipe truck, water truck, cement truck, backhoe, front-end loader, and support vehicles.

The proposed multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well installation is for information gathering purposes and falls under Categorical Exemption described in CEQA Guidelines §15306 for Information Collection (Class 6). Proposed activities are not anticipated to result in any significant impact to the environment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (530) 529-7307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Humphrey".

Brian Humphrey, Environmental Scientist  
Environmental Services Section

Enclosure

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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): CA Dept of Water Resources
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Foulke Monitoring Well Installation Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:
Project is located in the southwest corner of Old West Rd., Foulke Ln. and Greenhouse Ln. intersection, approx. 2.4 miles northwest of the town of Gazelle in Siskiyou County. (Lat: 41°33'2.05"N, Long: 122°32'39.87"W)

Project Location - City: Gazelle Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
DWR is proposing to install a multi-completion groundwater elevation observation well, which will be incorporated into the larger Shasta Valley Basin groundwater elevation monitoring program, future subsidence monitoring network, and the Shasta Valley Basin Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California 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: 15306. Information Collection
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The installation of the monitoring well will be used to measure groundwater elevations. Proposed activities are not anticipated to impact any environmental resources, including scenic resources, cultural resources or special status plants or wildlife species. The project will not result in any significant impact to the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Brian Humphrey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 529-7307

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? [X] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/4/2020 Title: Environmental Scientist

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [X] Signed by Applicant

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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