

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Fresno

From: (Public Agency): City of Huron
36311 Lassen Ave, Huron, CA 93234
P.O. Box 339
(Address)

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Project Title: City of Huron New Groundwater Well and Miscellaneous Potable Water System Improvements

Project Applicant: City of Huron

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Project Location - Specific:
600 feet west of the City of Huron's WTP

Project Location - City: Huron Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Currently, the City of Huron obtains its water from the California Aqueduct. Water allocations from the California Aqueduct are severely curtailed during drought years and the City must purchase additional water supplies at premium market rates. The proposed project would conduct a hydrological investigation to determine the feasibility of supplementing the City's water supply during drought years with a new groundwater well.
The City's water distribution system is also aged and needs to be improved. The City has approximately 20 miles of old lines that constantly break and approximately 231 isolation valves that are inoperable and require replacement. The frequent main breaks require significant attention from City public works staff and are the cause of millions of water losses due to the inability to isolate the breaks. The frequent repairs are probably the cause of the City's previous E. Coli contamination that required a system wide boil water order.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Huron

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Huron

- 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: CCR, title 14, Article 19, Section 15306
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is a planning study that includes the construction of a test well.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jack Castro Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 945-2241

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: [Signature] Date: 2/7/20 Title: CITY MANAGER
[ ] 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: