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PROJECT TITLE: Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan & Monitoring Well Installation Project

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: Four (4) individual well locations ranging from south Napa to south of Calistoga

PROJECT LOCATION - CITY (NEAREST): Napa, Yountville, St Helena, Calistoga

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: Napa

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Project involves completion of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin (Subbasin) to comply with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, stakeholder engagement and outreach, development of an integrated hydrologic model for the Subbasin, and installation and instrumentation, of four (4) groundwater monitoring facilities (wells) to collect and monitor groundwater levels. The GSP for the Napa Valley Subbasin will document conditions related to groundwater such as land subsidence, surface water and groundwater within the Napa Valley Subbasin. The integrated hydrologic flow model (IHM) will be used to inform management actions, including to: develop water budgets, simulate hydrologic responses to climate change and future land use decisions; test the efficacy of projects and management actions to maintain groundwater sustainability. The installation and operation of monitoring wells will address groundwater data gaps, refine data collection efforts and provide crucial monitoring data related to surface water and groundwater interaction to support the management of the Subbasin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Napa

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Napa County, Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

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## EXEMPT STATUS:

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X	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c));
$\boxtimes$	Categorical Exemption. State type and CEQA section number: Class 6, Section 15306; Class 8, Section 15308
$\boxtimes$	Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
	General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Part of the project consists of components such as the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan which is *statutorily exempt from CEQA*: Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code does not apply to the preparation and adoption of groundwater sustainability plans pursuant to Water Code Division 6, Part 2.74, Chapter 6, Section 10728.6, therefore the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is not applicable to the development of a groundwater sustainability plan for the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin. The other component of the project consists of the installation, maintenance and operation of groundwater monitoring wells, which is *categorically exempt from CEQA* under the following categorical classes: Class 3: [See Class 3 ("New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]; Class 4: [See Class 4 ("Minor Alterations to Land") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]; Class 6: [See Class 6 ("Information Collection") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]; Class 6: [See Class 6 ("Information Collection") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]; Class 7: [See Class 7 this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. [See Class 7 ("Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources") which may be found in the guidelines for the

implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15307. In addition, under Appendix A of Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, #5, #6, and #7, well permits are *ministerially exempt from CEQA*, including Class 1 well permits, permits to reconstruct or deconstruct a well, and well as the groundwater permit exempt finding. The project is intended to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement and protection of groundwater resources and the environment.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dan Zador, Plan	ner II <b>PHONE:</b> (707) 259-8239
IF FILED BY APPLICANT:  1. Attach certified document of exemption fi 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by	nding. the public agency approving the project? ⊠ Yes ☐ No
Signature: Dat	e: 6/5/2020 Title: <u>Planner II</u>
<ul><li>Signed by Lead Agency</li><li>Signed by Applicant</li></ul>	Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research
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