

# Notice of Exemption

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County of: Amador

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From: (Public Agency): Amador Water Agency

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(Address)

Project Title: Pioneer Tank A & B Pump Station Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Amador Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Located in the unincorporated town of Pioneer, in Amador County. The Project is located immediately adjacent to the existing Tanks located off of Elkhorn Court next to Tanks A & B.

Project Location - City: Pioneer

Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Amador Water Agency (AWA) proposes to build a new pump station immediately adjacent to the existing station located off of Elkhorn Court next to Tanks A & B. Construction of facilities includes the onsite replacement of the Tank A & B booster pumping station and appurtenances. See attached for detail.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Amador Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amador Water Agency

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));

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 2: 15302(c)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project consists of the replacement of a municipal water tank pump station. The new structure will be directly adjacent to the existing structure and would not significantly change the purpose or size of the previous facility.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brandt Cook

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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: 6-18-20

Title: TO KLM GM

☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PIONEER TANK A & B PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

### **1.1 Project Setting**

The proposed Pioneer Tank A & B Pump Station Replacement Project (Project) is located in the unincorporated town of Pioneer, in Amador County. The Project is located immediately adjacent to the existing station located off of Elkhorn Court next to Tanks A & B.

### **1.2 Project Characteristics**

The Amador Water Agency (AWA) proposes to build a new pump station immediately adjacent to the existing station located off of Elkhorn Court next to Tanks A & B. The existing station is 20 feet by 20 feet and the new station will be approximately 18 feet by 34 feet. The slight increase in building footprint is to provide adequate working space and a pump configuration for improved fire flow capacity. Construction of facilities includes the onsite replacement of the Tank A & B booster pumping station and appurtenances. The existing pump station will remain in place and functional until the new pump station is complete. Once the new pump station is operational the existing one will be demolished.

The project will also include the following:

- A pre-construction nesting bird survey conducted within the Project area. Appropriate no-work buffers will be established around active nests.
- Adherence to Protocols and no-work buffers in the event of unanticipated discovery of a cultural resource during onsite construction activities.

The Project will have no effect on federally listed species or critical habitats.

### **1.3 Categorical Exemption**

ECORP conducted a biological resources assessment and a cultural resources inventory report for the approved AWA CAWP Pioneer Water Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 (SCH# 2018032011) which included surveys and analysis of the proposed project area. According to the findings of these reports, no special-status plant or animal species, potential Waters of the U.S., or cultural resources are present within the project site. Therefore, A Notice of Exemption will be filed for the Pioneer Water Rehabilitation Pump Station Replacement Project pursuant to Title 14, Article 19, Section 15302 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Under Title 14, Article 19, Section 15302(c), the Project is exempt because of the following: Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The Project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing Tank A & B pump station to provide adequate fire flow capacity to the loop this pump station serves. The new structure will not significantly change the purpose or size of the previous facilities.

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