То:		Kern County, County Clerk 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639 Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghous P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044		Frazier Park Public Utility District 4020 Park Drive (PO Box 1525) Frazier Park, CA 93225 RECEIVED KERN COUNTY		
Proje	ct T	itle: Frazier Park Test-Well Program		MARY B. BEDARD AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK BY DEPUTY		
Project Location – Specific: The proposed Test-Well Program is located in the community of Frazier Park, a community located 3 miles west of Interstate 5 in Kern County at the intersection of three counties: Kern, Los Angeles and Ventura. Three test-well sites have been identified within the general community service area: Hikmat Property N34.82194°/W118.94806°; Wainright Property N34.82056° / W118.96889°; SEA Property (west site) N34.81833° / W119.93944°. Project Location – City: Community of Frazier Park in unincorporated territory of Kern County Project Location – County: Kern County Description of Project: The Frazier Park Public Utilities District (District) will consider approval of installing three test wells in a search for additional water sources within its service area. Each test well will be drilled into the local aquifer to evaluate the volume of groundwater that can be produced; to evaluate the quality of the water and its ability to serve as a potable water resource; and to assess any impacts on the aquifer and other nearby wells if they exist. The District will use the information to determine which location(s), if any, can be converted to serve as a potable water production well to augment future District water supply.						
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Frazier Park Public Utility District Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Frazier Park Public Utility District						
	M De Er Ca	tatus: (check one) inisterial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268) eclared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) mergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)) ategorical Exemption (Sections 21080(b)(9); 21084; 1 atutory Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))	5304 aı	nd 15306)		
Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of Categorical						

Exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. proposed Frazier Park Test-Well Program has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will provide the District with information that will allow it to develop a potable water production well to ensure that an adequate water supply is available to meet the future needs of its water supply without significant adverse impact on the environment. Two exemptions have been identified that apply to the proposed program. The applicable Class 4 "Minor Alterations to Land" exemption language consists of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored." The District finds that test-well construction and abandonment meet the qualifications of a Class 4 Categorical Exemption. The Class 6 "Information Collection" exemption language consists of "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded." The proposed test-well actions qualify for a Class 6 Categorical Exemption because the purpose is basic data collection (study) to evaluate the availability of groundwater as a potable water supply resource to meet the District's current and future customer demands. Therefore, this proposed action gualifies for Class 4 and Class 6 Categorical Exemptions.

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