

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Tuolumne

2 South Green Street

Sonora, CA 95370

From: (Public Agency): Tuolumne Utilities District

18885 Nugget Blvd.

Sonora, CA 95370

(Address)

Project Title: Ridge Site Property Acquisition

Project Applicant: Tuolumne Utilities District

Project Location - Specific:

Acquisition of portions of Tuolumne County Assessor Parcel Numbers 044-590-001 and 044-590-003 totaling approximately 17 acres.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Area Project Location - County: Tuolumne County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Acquisition of land adjacent to existing District pipeline which could be used in the future to construct any number of facilities such as tanks, treatment plants, pump stations, or water mains. At this time, District does not have any final plans or final intended purpose(s) of the property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tuolumne Utilities District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Erik D. Johnson (District Engineer)

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: Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Mere acquisition of this property does not have the potential to significantly affect the environment, and therefore this is not a "project." The location of this property makes it valuable to the District for a wide variety of improvement projects, but none of which are final or developed. This action is therefore exempt under the common sense exemption cited above. Once a future project is identified, CEQA review will begin at that time.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Erik D. Johnson

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-532-5536

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: EJ

Date: 10/14/20

Title: DISTRICT ENGINEER

☒ 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: _____