## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk County of Lake Lakeport, CA 95453 Office of Planning & Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

FROM: Community Development Dept Planning Division, County of Lake 255 North Forbes Street Lakeport, CA 95453

## PROJECT TITLE: Clear Lake Limnological Sampling

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Centered on Clear Lake, Lake County, CA but benefits will be regional. GPS location for the center of Clear Lake, CA is 122° 43.115'W 38° 58.941'N.

PROJECT LOCATION: Clear Lake (water body) COUNTY: Lake

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** This project will continue long-term limnological monitoring of Clear Lake. From 1968-2020, the CA Department of Water Resources was conducting monthly water quality (WQ) monitoring on Clear Lake at three sites and various depths, but this project was terminated in 2020. Lake County WPD has continued this expensive effort and general funds will provide the needed support to continue this vital program. Activities include: project coordination, staff labor to conduct sampling, pre & post processing, chemical lab analysis of WQ water samples (in a state-accredited lab) and analysis of sediment nutrient core samples. This project will not disturb any ground and does not include any construction or related activities. The data generated by this project will support scientifically –based management and actions that will provide for the rehabilitation of Clear Lake.

## NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: County of Lake

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Lake County Watershed Protection District

## **EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption, Section 15307, Class 7 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), Categorical Exemption, Section 15308, Class 8 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment)

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Class 7 and Class 8 - The project is consistent with the Class 7 and Class 8 exemptions which allow for the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource or of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

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