

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): Mono County Community Development
1290 Tavern Rd. / PO Box 347
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

County Clerk

County of: Mono
74 School St. / PO Box 237
Bridgeport, CA 93517

(Address)

Project Title: Groundwater Sustainability Agency Status

Project Applicant: Mono County

Project Location - Specific:

Portions of the Owens Valley Groundwater basin within Tri-Valley and all portions of th

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Declaring the County's intention to become the groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) for all portions of the Owens Valley groundwater basin within Mono County but outside the boundaries of the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District, and declaring the County's intention to become the groundwater sustainability agency for the Long Valley groundwater basin of Mono County, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Act (SGMA). In January 2022, the Mono County Board of Supervisors determined to withdraw from the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) as to all portions of the basin within Mono County, thereby leaving those areas unrepresented by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Establishment of a GSA for these areas by Mono County would ensure that the County has the authority needed to address groundwater sustainability issues, including monitoring, regulation and management.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mono County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mono County

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: 15307 and/or 15308 and/or 15320 and/or 15378
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

15307: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for protection of natural resources. Class 7. The project consists of an action taken by the Mono County Board of Supervisors to assure the protection of the natural resource, groundwater, within its jurisdiction. As a GSA, the County will be able to establish a structure for sustainable management of the groundwater basin within its boundaries.
15308: Action by Regulatory Agencies for protection of the environment. Class 8. The project consists of an action taken by the Mono County Board of Supervisors to assure the protection of the environment within its jurisdiction. Sustainable groundwater management is vital to the surface-level ecosystems and environment within the County.
15320: Changes in organization of local agencies. Class 20. Mono County has withdrawn from the OVGA thereby leaving portions of the groundwater basin within Mono County unmanaged by the OVGA. Establishing Mono County as the GSA for portions of the groundwater basins does not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised.
15378: Definition of a "project". The Board decision to become a GSA does not constitute a "project"; the action makes no physical changes to the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michael Draper Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-924-1805

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: Michael Draper Date: 5/20/2022 Title: Planning Analyst

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: _____

MC 22-011
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MAY 20 2022

Posted 5/20/2022 thru 6/20/2022

MONO COUNTY CLERK
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
 26 — 05/20/2022 —
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Mono County	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL mdraper@mono.ca.gov	DATE 05/20/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Mono	DOCUMENT NUMBER MC 22-011	

PROJECT TITLE

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Status

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Mono COunty	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL mdraper@mono.ca.gov	PHONE NUMBER (760) 924-1805
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS Po Box 347	CITY Mammoth Lakes	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93546

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|---|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,539.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,548.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,203.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other County Processing Fee | | \$ | 0.00 |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other **TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 0.00**

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Mono County Deputy Clerk/Recorder
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