

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: San Joaquin County Clerk
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 260
Stockton, CA 95202

From: City of Lodi
Community Development Department
221 W Pine Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Project Title: White Slough Monitoring Well Network Modifications

Project Location – Specific:

The project sites are located at and around the City of Lodi White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility at 12751 N Thornton Road, Lodi, California, and at several off-site monitoring well locations in the vicinity of the facility, including within the White Slough Wildlife Area and near the intersection of State Route 12 and North Davis Road, San Joaquin County, California.

Project Location – City / County: City: Lodi County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of modifications to the City of Lodi's groundwater monitoring well network associated with the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). Activities include the destruction of seven existing groundwater monitoring wells (WSM-2, WSM-10, WSM-11, WSM-13, WSM-19, RMW-2, and RMW-3) and construction of one replacement monitoring well (WSM-17R).

The monitoring wells are used to measure groundwater elevations and collect groundwater quality samples required by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Monitoring and Reporting Program for the WPCF wastewater treatment and recycled water operations. The replacement well will be located approximately 60 feet from an existing well to maintain reliable background groundwater monitoring data.

Well destruction and installation activities will be conducted by a licensed well drilling contractor in accordance with California Department of Water Resources well standards and San Joaquin County permit requirements. The purpose of the project is to maintain the City's groundwater monitoring network and support regulatory compliance monitoring of groundwater conditions associated with wastewater treatment and recycled water operations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lodi

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Lodi Public Works Department – White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility, Attn: Lance Roberts

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 – CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection)

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Categorical Exemption – CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 because the activities involve basic data collection and resource evaluation through groundwater monitoring wells used to measure groundwater levels and collect water quality samples associated with wastewater treatment and recycled water operations. The project involves destruction of obsolete monitoring wells and installation of one replacement well to continue monitoring activities.

The work consists of limited drilling and well sealing activities within previously disturbed areas and will not result in a serious or major disturbance to environmental resources. The project also qualifies for exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it involves minor alteration and maintenance of an existing public utility monitoring system associated with the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility.

None of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

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Attachment A – Project Location Map