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Local Drought Actions  
OPR Concurrence  
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The Governor's Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency, issued on April 25, 2014, suspends the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code 21000 and following) for all actions taken by local agencies that are identified by the State Water Resources Control Board as vulnerable to acute drinking water shortages and that are necessary to implement solutions to such shortages if the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) "concurs that local action is required." (Proclamation No. 4-25-2014, #12 and #19).

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has identified the Springville Public Utilities District as having critical drinking water shortages, meaning that Springville Public Utilities District will deplete its available supplies within 150 days. SWRCB has indicated that the project described in the attached Notice of Exemption is necessary to solve this critical drinking water shortage. Based on the information provided in the attached Notice of Exemption, OPR concurs that local action is necessary and that the action meets the requirements for CEQA suspension as set forth in the Governor's Proclamation (No. 4-25-2014).

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Drought Emergency Grant Funding Request for Springville Public Utilities District Notice of Exemption

Notice of Exemption  
(Statutory)

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SCH #:

PROJECT #: PWSDE-5410011

PROJECT TITLE: Drought Emergency Grant Funding Request for Springville Public Utility District (PUD)

PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of community of Springville, Tulare County

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) is a responsible agency for this project. The Board's Public Water System Drought Emergency Funding Program is providing state funds for the project. Springville PUD proposes to purchase a new portable powered pump to continue pumping water directly from the Tule River to the surface water treatment plant. In addition Springville PUD proposes to pay the rental costs for the pump incurred from August 29, 2014 up to the date that the new pump is delivered.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Springville PUD will be carrying out the project. The Board has approved a grant for the project described above in the amount of \$60,378.56 on November 13, 2014, from the Public Water System Drought Emergency Funding Program, and concurs that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS

- Feasibility and Planning Studies (CCR, Title 14, Section 15262)
- Declared emergency (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15269 (a))
- Emergency repairs (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15269 (b))
- Emergency prevention/mitigation (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15269 (c))
- Right of way pipelines of less than one mile (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15282 (k))
- Water fluoridation facilities (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15282.(m))

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project is considered an emergency prevention measure that will prevent an imminent water outage.

Pursuant to the California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply.

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