

Notice of Exemption

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To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
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From Truckee Donner Public Utility District
11570 Donner Pass Road
Truckee, CA 96161

(Public Agency and Address)

☒ County Clerk, County of: Nevada and Placer

Project Title: Martis Valley Groundwater Basin Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Alternative Submittal

Project Location - Specific: Nevada and Placer Counties

Project Location - City: Near Truckee, CA **Project Location - County:** Placer and Nevada

Description of Project: This project includes preparation, approval, and submittal of an Alternative for complying with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for the Martis Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). SGMA is a law that generally requires the establishment of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans. In lieu of Groundwater Sustainability Plans, preparation of Alternatives are an option provided for in SGMA for basins that have been operated sustainably for at least 10 years, which is the case for the Basin. This project also includes entering into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with all eligible entities to manage groundwater in the Basin under SGMA, defined as Local Agencies under SGMA. These Local Agencies include Nevada County, Placer County, Town of Truckee, Truckee Donner Public Utility District, Northstar Community Services District, and Placer County Water Agency.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: All Local Agencies named in the Description of Project above

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Truckee Donner Public Utility District, per terms of MOA

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: Class 7, Section 15307 and Class 8, Section 15308
☒ Statutory Exemption. State code number: Water Code Section 10728.6

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is preparation, approval, and submittal of an Alternative. The project consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource and environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. This project is not a project subject to CEQA as it is for preparation and adoption of a plan to comply with the SGMA, without any possibility of a significant effect on the environment. No physical projects are being undertaken as part of the action. (Guidelines Article 19, Section 15307 and Section 15308). The preparation and approval of an Alternative is exempt from CEQA. (Water Code Section 10728.6).

Lead Agency

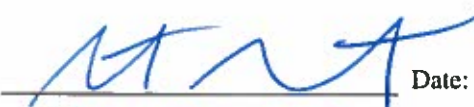
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If filed by applicant:

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:  Date: 12/9/16 Title: Public Info. & Conservation Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: NA