California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth St, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board,  
Central Valley Region ("Central Valley Water Board")  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

I. Project Title: Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Shasta College Wastewater Treatment Facility

II. Project Location: ¼ mile northeast of the intersection of State Highway 299 East and Old Oregon Trail, Shasta County (APN 076-030-08) (the "Site").

III. Project Description: The Central Valley Water Board has prescribed waste discharge requirements (WDRs) that will allow the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District to discharge treated wastewater from its wastewater treatment facility to a single lined aeration pond, two evaporation/percolation ponds, one irrigation pond, and an approximately 10-acre agricultural field. The discharge was previously regulated under WDRs issued in 1993.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Water Board

Date of Public Agency Action: June 8, 2012

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District

Exempt Status (check one)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21060(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 below.
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number below.
☐ No possibility of Significant Effect (Sec. 15061(b)(3).)

Reasons why project is exempt:
The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the project is exempt from the application of the California Environmental Quality Act because issuance of the Waste Discharge Requirements falls under the exemption contained in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, which exempts the "operation, repair, maintenance, [and] permitting ... of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features" from environmental review. The wastewater systems have already been installed and are currently in use, and the issuance of the WDRs and associated monitoring program will ensure the continued protection of groundwater.

Evidence to support the above rationale is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at:

Central Valley Water Board  
415 Knollicrest Drive, Suite 100  
Redding, CA 96002

Lead Agency Contact: Mr. Kevin Kratzke, (530) 224-6469

Signature: Greg Cash  
Date: 6/12/12  Title: Senior Engineering Geologist
☐ Signed by Lead Agency  Date Received for filing at OPR:
☐ Signed by Applicant

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