

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk  
County of Plumas  
520 Main Street Room 102  
Quincy, CA 95971

From: American Valley Community Services District  
900 Spanish Creek Road  
Quincy, CA 95971

**Project Title:** Water System Improvement Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Sections 13, 14, 15, 23, & 24, T24N, R9WE MDB&M

**Project Location - City:** Quincy

**Project Location - County:** Plumas

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** January 2018, Quincy Community Services District (QCS) and East Quincy Services District (EQSD) consolidated to become the American Valley Community Services District (AVCSD). The 2001 QCS Master Water Plan (MWP) identified:

1. Pressure deficiencies within the QCS Main Pressure Zone during high demand periods.
2. 17,000 feet of old water main that required replacement. AVCSD desires to address the pressure deficiencies within the Quincy Main Pressure Zone, and while QCS has replaced a majority of these mains, some remain problematic.
3. Since the MWP, Quincy's Coburn Well has run dry, and Quincy's primary water source, the Norton Well, is contaminated with MTBE. QCS has had to rely heavily on its intertie with EQSD. As such, AVCSD desires to develop a new well near the existing High School Well.
4. Quincy High Pressure Zone is provided water from the Claremont Spring; however, recently QCS has struggled with positive coliform results necessitating cessation of use. During these times, QCS has employed a "makeshift" booster pumping facility to provide water to the High Pressure Zone. Currently, the High Pressure Zone does not have any storage capacity other than the minimal volume contained in the 4-foot-diameter tower that diverts water into the pressure zone; therefore, a water storage tank in this pressure zone is a high priority.
5. AVCSD has agreed to pursue a study to evaluate a potential connection to Feather River College based on recommendation from DDW engineers.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** American Valley Community Services District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** American Valley Community Services District

**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: CCR, Title 14, Article 9, Section 15266 Information Collection, Class 6  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CCR, Title 14, Article 19, Section 15262

**Reason why project is exempt:**

No ground disturbing activities or construction will be completed as part of this planning project.

**Lead Agency**

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Signature: 

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