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**Lead Agency/Applicant Name:**  
Frazier Park Public Utility District  
4020 Park Drive, Frazier Park, CA 93225

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County of Kern  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
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(Address)

**Project Title:** Well Site Acquisition and Construction and Operation of Well #8 (Project)

**Project Location – Specific:** Frazier Park Public Utility District. See Exhibit A attached hereto.

**Project Location – County:** Kern.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Project includes acquisition of a well site (the "Site") and construction and operation of a new water supply well (the "Well #8"). Well #8 would operate at a capacity of approximately 500 gallons per minute ("gpm"). It would replace the production capacity furnished to the District by its existing Well #5, which is showing signs of imminent failure; however, the construction of Well #8 would not change the District's storage capacity. Well #8 would operate in conjunction with the District's existing Well #6 to provide water supplies to the District's residential and commercial customers, and would therefore support existing water uses and users within the District. The Project is necessary to enable the District to continue to satisfy its customers' residential and commercial water demands.

Beneficiaries of the project are landowners and water users within the boundaries of the District.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Lead Agency: Frazier Park Public Utility District.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Lead Agency: Frazier Park Public Utility District.

**Exempt Status:**

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemption: State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The District has found and determined that to the extent such activities could possibly constitute a project, the Project is exempt under CEQA. This determination is based upon the fact that the

Project is an emergency project. The District has a water storage capacity of 2.1 million gallons. During peak demand the District currently operates at a deficit of 168 gpm, which provides the District approximately eight (8) days of operating at such capacity before its storage is depleted. Well #5 was constructed in 1965 and its well casings are failing. If Well #5 becomes inoperable prior to the District being able to obtain the Site and construct Well #8, the number of days at which the District could operate at historical peak demand before its storage is depleted would be reduced by half, to approximately four (4) days. In light of the likelihood that Well #5 will fail in the near term, and the degree to which the failure would limit the ability of the District to satisfy its water supply obligations to its customers, the anticipated period of time to conduct an environmental review of the Project would create a risk to public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, the emergency exception (CEQA Guidelines section 15269(c)) applies.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Jonnie Allison, General Manager  
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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

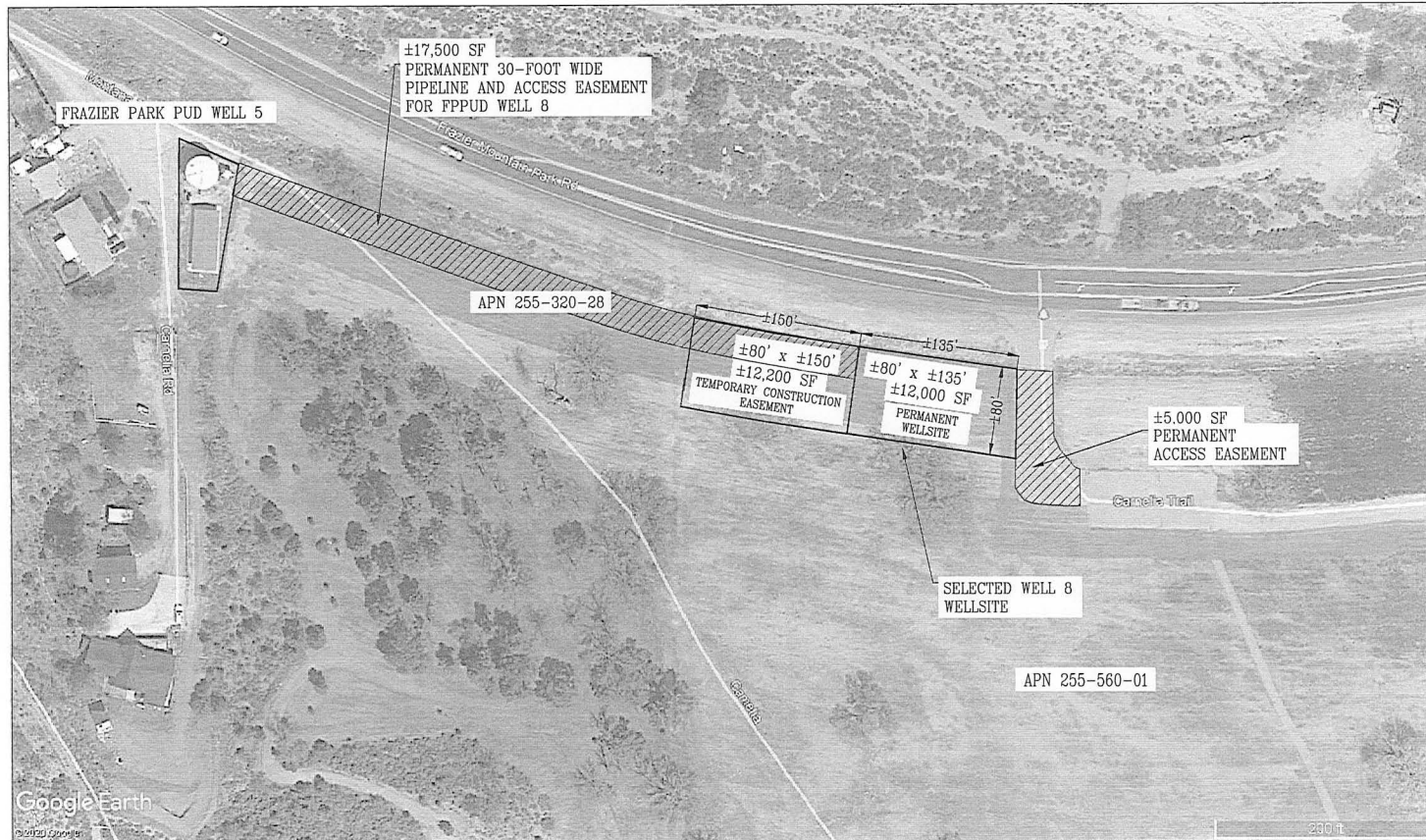
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

Signed by Applicant

# EXHIBIT A



## DISTRICT WELL 8 FRAZIER PARK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT



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