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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerks -
County of Inyo
County of Mono
County of Alpine

FROM: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
157 Short Street
Bishop, California 93514

Project Title: Approval and Adoption of District Rule 701 – Air Pollution Episode Plan

Project Location - Specific: Communities of Inyo, Mono and Alpine County, California.

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Description of Nature and Purpose of Project: Rule 701 – Air Pollution Episode Plan establishes pollutant episode criteria for particulate matter, provides public notification procedures, recommends precautionary actions and details specific Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) requirements to protect public health from the harmful exposure of PM10 and PM2.5. On November 7, 1986 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) set priority classifications of regions for episode plans for the following pollutants: Sulfur oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and ozone (40 CFR part 51 subpart H). On September 25, 2009 the US EPA issued Guidance on SIP Elements Required Under Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). On January 23, 2014 the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the California Infrastructure State Implementation Plan (2014 CA I-SIP) recommending the US EPA to treat the District as Priority II for purposes of PM2.5 emergency episode regulation. In response, addressing Clean Air Act (CAA) emergency episode plan requirements (CAA sections 110(a)(2)(G) and 303), the District adopted Rule 701.

Agency Approving and Carrying Out the Project: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Exempt Status: [ ] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); [ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); [ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15296(b)(c)); [**X**] Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15308); [**X**] Statutory Exemptions. PRC §21065.

Reason Why the Project is Exempt: 1) The proposed rule is not a "project" as defined under PRC §21065. It is not an activity that will cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change; 2) Actions by a regulatory agency to protect the environment.

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Date: March 5, 2014

Rule Adopted on: March 3, 2014

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