



State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research,
1400 Tenth Street Room 113, Sacramento, California 95814

From: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,
Post Office Box 2000, Sacramento, California 95812-2000

Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption in compliance with
Public Resources Code section 21108

Public Agency Information

Agency: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,
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Is the Public Agency also the Lead Agency? No

Lead Agency Information

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Project Information

SCH Number: 2020040053

Title: Water Right Permit Application A033527

Applicant: California Department of Parks and Recreation

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Location: The project is located on the property of the California Department of Parks and Recreation at Portola Redwoods State Park, 9000 Portola State Park Rd, La Honda, CA in San Mateo County.

Description: The project involves the diversion and beneficial use of water in the Pescadero Creek watershed. The application proposes the diversion to offstream storage of up to 3 acre-feet of water per year at a rate not to exceed 0.08 cubic foot per second from December 15 of each year to April 15 of the succeeding year.

Exemptions

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board as Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on February 25, 2026 and has independently concluded that such approval is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the following reasons:

1. The project meets the Class 1 categorical exemption for existing facilities. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301.) The project involves negligible or no expansion of use.
2. The project meets the Class 3 categorical exemption for new construction of small structures. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303.) The project involves construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.
3. The project meets the Class 4 categorical exemption for minor alterations to land. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304.) The project involves minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.
4. The project meets the Class 33 categorical exemption for small habitat restoration projects. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15333.) The project is designed to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish and wildlife, and does not exceed five acres in size.
5. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).)

Signature:

Name: Amanda Montgomery

Title: Environmental Program Manager

Date: February 25, 2026