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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Zone 7 Stream Gage Upgrade and Maintenance - CalSIP Upgrade

SCH#: 2021030518

PROJECT SPONSOR: Zone 7 Water Agency

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PROJECT LOCATION: Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton in Alameda County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with the Zone 7 Water Agency to upgrade, reactivate, and/or maintain eleven existing stream gage stations within the Livermore and Amador Valleys. Proposed activities would include the installation of a camera on the structure of an existing station, replacement of in-kind equipment at several stations, repairs to damaged equipment and structures at all stations, and vegetation maintenance surrounding all the existing stations (see attached). Proposed activities would not install any new structures.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: California Departmentment of Water Resources

PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Brian Humphrey

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(s): 15301. Existing Facilities; 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction; 15306. Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- ☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Proposed upgrades and maintenance activities would occur within the same footprint of the existing stream gage stations, provide the same purpose, and provide real-time data, monitor hydrologic conditions, and provide hydrological information to the public. Proposed activities qualify for categorical exemptions 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15306 (Information Collection). Proposed activities will not result in a significant impact to the environment and none of the exceptions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. Furthermore, proposed activities would not result in additional ground disturbance or changes to the streambed or bank.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 12/17/2025

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Project Description and Location of 11 Stations

DWR Survey ID	Site ID	Station Name	Coordinates (Lat, long)	Location Descriptor
2814-01	ALTC_BD	ALTC_BD - Altamont Creek at Bluebell Dr	37.71843, -121.74318	(**Upgraded Station**) O&M and camera station will be installed on existing station pole structure within the Zone 7 right of way near the active Z7 gage station along Altamont creek (right bank). The station equipment is closest to the locked access gate from Bluebell drive, Livermore, CA at the southwestern downstream side gate.
2762	AM_KB	AM_KB-Arroyo Mocho at Kaiser Bridge	37.69341, -121.84845	(**Upgraded Station**) The active Z7 gage is located within the Zone 7 right of way along Arroyo Mocho's Fish ladder in Livermore, CA. O&M and swap in-kind existing instruments mounted along the left bank's fish ladder retaining wall. The station's locked access gate is along the western bifurcation of El Charro Road when traveling south.
2817-01	LJ1_BDB	LJ1_BDB - Line J1 below Dublin Blvd (Zone 7) with rain gage	37.70494, -121.92401	(**Upgraded Station**) O&M. This active Z7 gage station is within the zone 7 right of way along big canyon creek-Line J1. The station is located by the left bank and downstream of Dublin Blvd where there is a locked eastern access gate that Zone 7 staff can utilize.
1727	AMHAG	Arroyo Mocho A Livermore CA	37.67683, -121.81452	(**Reactivated Station**) Swap in-kind instruments and O&M. This active Z7 gage station is along Arroyo Mocho (left bank) and is owned and operated by Zone 7. The agency has key access to the gate lock for this station and the gate can be accessed from Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA.
1726	AMNL	ARROYO MOCHO NR LIVERMORE CA	37.62672, -121.70456	(**Reactivated Station**) Swap in-kind instruments and O&M. This active Z7 gage station is along Arroyo Mocho (right bank) and is owned and operated by Zone 7. The agency has key access to the locked private gate on the north side of the bridge crossing along Mines road, Livermore, CA
1733	AMP	ARROYO MOCHO NR PLEASANTON CA	37.69054, -121.87326	(**Reactivated Station**) Swap in-kind instruments and O&M. This active Z7 gage station is within the Zone 7 right of way along Arroyo Mocho. To access the station positioned by the right bank, there is a northeastern locked access gate on Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton, CA downstream of the station.
2761	ALPL	ALPL- Arroyo Las Positas near Livermore (Zone 7)	37.69986, -121.77368	(**Reactivated Station**) Swap in-kind instruments and O&M. This active Z7 gage station is within the Zone 7 right of way along Arroyo Las Positas. To access the station by the left bank, there is the southeastern locked access gate located on N Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA.
1736-01	ADVP	ARROYO VALLE A PLEASANTON CA	37.6676, -121.88364	(**Reactivated Station**) O&M. This active Z7 gage station is within the Zone 7 right of way along the right bank of Arroyo del Valle near Hopyard Rd/Del Balley Pwky,

				Pleasanton, CA. The station housing can be accessed via north eastern public trail entrance on Del Valle Pwky.
1732-01	ALP_ELCH	ARROYO LAS POSITAS A ELCH RD NR PLEASANTON CA	37.69524 -121.84506	(**Reactivated Station**) O&M. This active Z7 gage station is within the Zone 7 right of way on Arroyo Las Positas above El Charro road , Livermore. The station's housing is positioned by the right bank and the access to the station would be best from the northeastern locked access gate along El Charro Rd (Eastern bifurcation road).
2819-01	ALTC_PS	ALTC_PS - Altamont Creek at Pasatiempo Street	37.72336, -121.72695	(**Reactivated Station**) O&M. This active Z7 gage station is within the zone 7 right of way along Altamont creek at Pasatiempo street, Livermore, CA. To access the station positioned by the right bank, there is a northeast locked access gate on Pasatiempo Street.
2818-01	TC_BI580	TC_BI580 - Tassajara Creek below I-580 (Zone 7) with rain gage	37.6973, -121.88081	(**Reactivated Station**) O&M. This active Z7 gage station is within the zone 7 right of way on Tassajara creek in Pleasanton, CA. To access the station by the left bank, there is a locked access gate along the access road of Seever & Son's tire shop (Pleasanton,CA), which is accessible from Old Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA.