

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Plumas

From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. of Water Resources
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

(Address)

Project Title: Sierra Valley cGPS, Corner Reflector, Extensometer, and Monitoring Well Station Installations

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed Highway 70 site is approximately 6 miles east of Beckwourth in Section 35 of Township 23 North, Range 15 East of the Reconnaissance Peak United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5' quadrangle (lat. 39.806758 lon. -120.259346).

Project Location - City: Beckwourth, CA Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The cGPS station will provide high frequency displacement data, increasing the availability and speed at which subsidence data is available. The corner reflector will improve the quality and availability of local GPS data. A monitoring well is to be paired with the cGPS station and reflector, providing groundwater level, quality, and temperature data to help correlate potential causes of subsidence and monitor impacts. The extensometer station will provide depth discreet displacement data that will correlate with the GPS and monitoring well data and improve understanding of the hydrogeologic conditions in each basin. The monitoring well will be incorporated into the larger basin groundwater elevation monitoring program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

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: Section 15306, Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The installations at this site will be incorporated into the larger basin groundwater elevation monitoring program to assess groundwater conditions. Proposed activities will not impact any environmental resources, including scenic resources, cultural resources, or special status organisms. The project will not result in any significant impact to the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shawn Spani Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-489-8335

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: Shawn Spani Date: 7-12-2024 Title: Environmental Scientist

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____