

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sierra

From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. of Water Resources
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 9600

(Address)

Project Title: Sierra Valley Monitoring Well Station Installation

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed installation occurs in Sierra County, California. The site is ~0.6 miles southeast of Loyalton in Section 18 of Township 21 North, Range 16 East of the Loyalton USGS 7.5' quadrangle (39.671848, -120.231143)

Project Location - City: Loyalton Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The monitoring well will be incorporated into the larger basin groundwater elevation monitoring program. Groundwater elevation and water quality data collected from monitoring wells play important roles in groundwater management under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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: 10-24-2024 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: _____