

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Tuolumne
2 So. Green St. / Second Floor
Sonora, CA 95370

From: (Public Agency): Northern California Power Agency
477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA 95247
(Address)

Project Title: North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 2409, Upper Utica Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 11563, and the Transmission Line FERC Project No. 11197.

Project Applicant: Northern California Power Agency - 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA 95247

Project Location - Specific: Along the North Fork of the Stanislaus River and its tributaries in Alpine, Tuolumne, and Calaveras Counties and transmission lines in Calaveras, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus Counties.

Project Location - City: Murphys Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Operation and maintenance of hydroelectric projects, including minor modification of existing equipment and negligible expansion of facilities and energy generation capacity. NCPA proposes to implement the following activities for the remainder of the current FERC licenses (No. 2409, No. 11563, and No. 11197) and for any renewal terms thereof. Maps identifying the location and activities are located at NCPA's Hydroelectric office, 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Northern California Power Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Northern California Power Agency

- 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)); 15301 (a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i), (m); 15303 (d), (e);
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 (a), (c), (f), (g), (i); 15309; and 15311
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Work will be done to an existing, publicly owned Hydro facilities on the North Fork Stanislaus River to operate and maintain electric power generation, transmission and associated facilities. The project will not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment as a result of "unusual circumstances" or any of the exceptions listed in Title 14 CCR Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Benjamin Guy Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 728-1387 ext 3334

- 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: Benjamin Guy Date: 1/15/2025 Title: Hydro Compliance Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Filed

JAN 22 2025

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Tuolumne County Clerk
By: [Signature] Deputy

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PROJECT LOCATION – CITY: Spread out as noted above

COUNTY: Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: Operation and maintenance of hydroelectric projects, including minor modification of existing equipment and negligible expansion of facilities and energy generation capacity. NCPA proposes to implement the following activities for the remainder of the current FERC Licenses (No. 2409, No. 11563, and No. 11197) and for any renewal terms thereof. Maps identifying the location and activities are located at NCPA's Hydroelectric office, 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, California.

1. Maintain turbine generating units, auxiliary systems, dams, water retention and conveyance structures, and electrical transmission systems through routine cleaning, repairing, and replacing of defective equipment. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 31; 23 CCR 504(a)(7).
2. Trenching in existing project areas. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11.
3. Repairs/replacements of power and communication equipment, structures, and lines in conduit that may or may not be in a trench including but not limited to power poles, towers, conductors. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11.
4. Clean out drainage ditches and drain inlets by removing debris including brush, logs, leaves and sediments using hand held equipment such as shovels, supported by light equipment such as a back-hoe. This needs to be done frequently in the winter following storms. Class 1, 4.

5. Maintenance and replacement of drainage culverts. Class 1, 2, 4, 11.
6. Repair drainage damage on slopes and roads caused from storms and use. This can occur frequently in the winter. Class 1, 2, 4, 11.
7. Stripe the existing roads and repair pot holes. Snow plow the roads. Maintenance grading of power line easements and roads to maintain access and clearance. Class 1, 2, 4, 11.
8. Weed mitigation and brush clearing using weed-wacker, spraying, and hand clearing of shrubs on existing right-of-ways. This usually occurs in the spring. Class 1, 4.
9. Tree and brush removal from existing facilities, camp sites, power line easements, existing fire breaks, dams, spillways, powerhouses, tailraces and other public areas using weed whackers, hand tools, and equipment such as a dozer. Class 1, 4.
10. Clean, repair, and replace pipelines and related equipment. Class 1, 2, 4, 9.
11. Debris removal and maintenance sluicing from reservoirs. Once a year. Class 1, 4.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:

Northern California Power Agency
 651 Commerce Dr.
 Roseville, CA 95678

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:

Northern California Power Agency
 477 Bret Harte Drive
 Murphys, CA. 95247

EXEMPT STATUS: The above lists correlates the particular activity to the classes of categorical exemptions that apply to each activity; they are Categorical Exemptions Title 14 CCR Sections 15301(a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i), (m); 15302(c); 15303(d), I; 15304(a), (c), (f), (g), (i); 15309; and 15311.

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Work will be done to an existing, publicly owned Hydro facilities on the North Fork Stanislaus River to operate and maintain electric power generation, transmission and associated facilities. The project will not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment as a result of “unusual circumstances” or any of the exceptions listed in Title 14 CCR Section 15300.2.

ACTIVITIES AND CLASS OF EXEMPTION:

1. Maintain turbine generating units, water pipelines, and electrical transmission systems is categorically exempt under Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 3) installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; (Class 9) inspections, to check for performance of an operation; (Class 11)

construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities; (Class 31) maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historic resources; 23 CCR 504(a)(7) Dams subject to the jurisdiction of the Department's Division of Safety of Dams.

2. Digging trenches. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 3) installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.
3. Repair power and communication lines. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 3) installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities. .
4. Clean out drainage ditches and drain inlets. Class 1, 4. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land.
5. Maintenance and replacement of drainage culverts. Class 1, 2, 4, 5. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.
6. Repair drainage damage on slopes and roads. Class 1, 2, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; and (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.
7. Snow plow the roads and repair existing roads and easements. Class 1, 2, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where

the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; and (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

8. Weed mitigation and brush clearing Class 1, 4. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land.
9. Tree removal for public safety Class 1, 4. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land.
10. Clean, repair, or replace pipelines and related equipment. Class 1, 2, 4, 9. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2) replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; (Class 9) inspections, to check for performance of an operation.
11. Removal of debris and accumulated sediment from reservoir. Class 1, 4. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The activity qualifies as a Class 1 Exemption as the dams and sluiceways are existing facilities and sluicing involves no expansion of use. Debris removal and sluicing activity is restoration of a previous condition and necessary for safe operation. The activities qualify as a Class 4 Exemption as maintenance sluicing is a minor alteration to land and water.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jake Eymann
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 209-728-1387

Signature: _____

Jake Eymann

Title Manager Hydro Facilities, NCPA

Date: 10/30/2024

Signed by Lead Agency



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 55- 01/16/2025 — 001
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Tuolumne County Community Development Dept	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/16/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Select County/State Agency	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 Tuolumne County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Tuolumne County	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER ()
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 48 Yaney Street, 4th Floor	CITY Sonora	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95370

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 0.00

SIGNATURE X Taryn Vanderpan <small>Digitally signed by Taryn Vanderpan Date: 2025.01.16 06:17:26 -08'00'</small>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Taryn Vanderpan, Administrative Technician II
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090



County of Tuolumne, CA

\$52.49 Paid

via Credit Card ending in 0032

Thanks for using the Online Service Center

Benjamin Guy
Fish and Wildlife Receipting #FG-25-1
January 16, 2025

Administration Fee	\$50.00
Processing Fee	\$2.49
Total Paid	\$52.49



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