

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: Yuba
915 8th Street, Suite 107
Marysville, CA 95901

From: (Public Agency): Yuba County Water Agency
1220 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901

ENDORSED FILED
YUBA COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER

(Address)

MAY 20 2026

DONNA HILLEGASS, Clerk
BY BRIDGETTE EVANS
DEPUTY CLERK

Project Title: North Yuba River Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Reintroduction Pilot Studies Interim Funding and CEQA Findings

Project Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located within the North Yuba River watershed in eastern Yuba County and western Sierra county including reaches of North Yuba River upstream of New Bullards Bar Reservoir upstream toward Love Falls.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Yuba and Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project involves interim funding by Yuba County Water Agency, acting as Responsible Agency under CEQA, to support ongoing spring-run Chinook salmon reintroduction pilot studies being implemented by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as Lead Agency, within the North Yuba River watershed under the Yuba River Resilience Initiative. Pilot studies will include evaluating and refining methods for adult transport, holding habitat and spawning locations as well as egg incubation, juvenile collection, monitoring, transport, habitat utilization and parentage based tagging.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yuba County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

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: Class 6 exemption (section 15306, information collection)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15306 (Information collection), which applied to basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. the project consists of ongoing pilot-scale fisheries monitoring, research, and reintroduction evaluation activities previously reviewed by CDFW, and does not involve construction of permanent facilities or substantial environmental disturbance.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michelle Forsha (CDFW) Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-618-3376

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: Jacob Van der Meulen Date: 05-20-2026 Title: Environmental Manager

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:

2026FG-00024



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 58 - 05202026 - 24
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/20/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YUBA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026FG-00024	

PROJECT TITLE
 NORTH YUBA RIVER SPRING-RUN CHINOOK SALMON REINTRODUCTION PILOT STUDIES INTERIM FUNDING AND CEQA FINDINGS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (916) 618-3376
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	CITY MARYSVILLE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95901

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
- Other 0.00 \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Bridgette Evans</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <i>Bridgette Evans</i> Deputy
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Yuba County
 Donna Hillegass, County Clerk
 and Recorder
 915 8th Street, Suite 107
 Marysville, CA 95901
 (530) 749-7850

Receipt: 26-6610

Product Name	Extended
FG CLERK FISH AND GAME FILINGS	\$50.00
Document #	2026FG-00024
Filing Type	ADMIN FEE (NOTICE OF EXEMPT)
Comment	COUNTER
Total	\$50.00
Tender (Check)	\$50.00
Check# 112727	
Paid YUBA COUNTY WATER	
By AGENCY	

Thank You for Your Business

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YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

GENERAL FUND

112727

Vendor ID	00342	Vendor	County of Yuba, Clerk/Recorder	05/19/2026	Check #	112727							
Invoice Number	PID47782-P	Date	05/18/2026	Invoice Amount	\$ 50.00	Amount Paid	\$ 50.00	Discount Taken	\$ 0.00	Write Off	\$ 0.00	Net Amount	\$ 50.00

TOTALS:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
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