

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Northern Region Office  
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PROJECT TITLE: Stream Gauge Upgrade - Montecito Groundwater Basin GSA

SCH#: 2025060294

PROJECT SPONSOR: Montecito Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MGB GSA)

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Nicholas Kunstek

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PROJECT LOCATION: Montecito, Santa Barbara County; 34°26'45.S"N 119°39'4.3"W

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes installation of a radar unit at an existing stream monitoring station to measure streamflow of Montecito Creek. This unit will record stream flow data. The station will only be acquiring data on stream for inclusion into the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The station will not substantially alter the creek bed/bank contours or remove vegetation exceeding 2 inches. No discharges to creeks will result from this project.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: California Department 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): 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: 15306 -

The proposed stream gage would be installed at an existing stream monitoring station to measure and record stream flow data and would not substantially alter the stream channel or remove vegetation greater than 2" dbh. The proposed installation would qualify for categorical exemption 15306 (Information Collection) and would not result in a significant impact to the environment.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 8/15/2025

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