

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. Water Resources
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Statewide Monitoring Network Modernization - St. Helena Station Upgrade

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Location - Specific:

3800 Langtry Road, St. Helena, CA: (lat. 37.720832, long. -120.0963314)

Project Location - City: St. Helena Project Location - County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR proposes to replace the existing precipitation gauge, air temperature and relative humidity sensors and install soil sensor probes at the St. Helena hydrometeorological station. A wind speed/direction sensor would be added to the station and the solar panel, antenna, and electronics would be replaced. Installation of the soil sensor probes would require soil testing and temporary excavation of a 3ft x 3ft x 3ft pit and a shallow conduit trench to connect the probes to the station. Data gathered would be used for agency decision-making and would be made publicly available through the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) website.

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: 15301, 15304, 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Replacement of the station equipment, soil testing, and temporary excavation of a 3'x3'x3' soil pit and shallow trench that would be backfilled upon completion of soil sensor probe installation qualifies for categorical exemptions 15301 (existing facilities), 15304 (minor alterations of land), and 15306 (information collection) because proposed activities would involve negligible expansion of existing use, would not have a significant effect on the environment, and would result in only temporary, minor ground disturbance.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brian Humphrey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-317-8623

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: Brian Humphrey Date: 7/14/2025 Title: Sr. 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: _____