

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): CA Dept of Water Resources
Division of Multibenefit Initiatives
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Voluntary Agreement Early Implementation for the Mokelumne River - Task # 2 Water Diversion Screening

Project Applicant: East Bay Municipal Utility District

Project Location - Specific:

Thornton Ca, San Joaquin County (38.212068, -121.379392)

Project Location - City: Thornton Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of installation of self-cleaning fish screens to three existing surface water diversions in the lower Mokelumne River. The purpose of the project is to reduce entrainment of juvenile anadromous fish into water diversions within the lower Mokelumne River.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Dept of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: East Bay Municipal Utility District

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, 15302, 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt from CEQA because it involves the maintenance of an existing facility (private diversion intake) that does not expand its existing use (Guideline 15301), requiring only the reconstruction of the existing facility (Guideline 15302), and the addition of a small structure (fish-blocking screen) to the facility (Guideline 15303). The project will have no significant environmental effects relative to location, cumulative impact, or significant effects due to unusual circumstances, hazardous waste, or historical resources; pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: James Pearson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-263-6357

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: Chad Fien Date: 7/30/2025 Title: Program 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: _____