

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: CA. Dept. of Water Resources
Calif. Dept. of Water Resources
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2440 Main Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

PROJECT TITLE: CalSIP Streamgauge Upgrade - Monterey County Water Resources Agency

SCH#: 2025080032

PROJECT SPONSOR: Monterrey County Water Resources Agency

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Peter Kwiek

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PROJECT LOCATION: Pedestrian Bridge over Salinas River, King City, Monterey County; 36.203411, -121.142577

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to replace and upgrade an existing bridge-mounted stream gage on pedestrian bridge over the Salinas River in King City. The stream gage will be similarly mounted to the bridge rail and consist of a radar sensor, small solar system, new satellite telemetry, existing radio telemetry, and associated antennas. No excavation, grading, or vegetation removal is anticipated.

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): 15301. Exist. Facilities; 15302. Replace. or Reconst.; 15306. Info. Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- ☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Proposed stream gage replacement/upgrade would be installed at the same location on an existing bridge structure to provide real-time data, monitor hydrologic conditions during storm events, and provide hydrological information to the public. Proposed activities qualify for categorical exemptions 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15306 (Information Collection). The bridge is not designated a historic resource and no excavation, grading, or vegetation removal is anticipated. Proposed activities will not result in a significant impact to the environment and none of the exceptions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 10/15/2025

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