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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE: Deadman Creek Measurement Gage Rehabilitiation Project - CalSIP Upgrade

SCH#: 2025080701

PROJECT SPONSOR: Le Grand Athlone Water District

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Brad Samuelson

PHONE NUMBER: 1-209-658-8487

PROJECT LOCATION: White Rock Rd. and Deadman Creek, ~2.5 miles SE of Le Grand, Merced County; 37.22169, -120.19842

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with the Le Grand Athlone Water District to reactivate a stream gage on Deadman Creek. The existing stream gage stilling well will be rehabilitated by making minor repairs to the existing metal structure, cleaning out the stilling well ports, and installing new water level monitoring equipment within the existing stilling well and a staff gage.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: California Departmentment 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. Replacement or Reconstruction; 15306. Info. Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- ☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed stream gage reactivation would upgrade and replace equipment within the same footprint of the existing stream gage 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). 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: 10/16/2025

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