

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Calif. Dept. of Water Resources  
Northern Region Office  
2440 Main Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

**PROJECT TITLE:** Stream Gage Installation and Upgrade within Napa River Watershed - CalSIP

**SCH#:** 2025110470

**PROJECT SPONSOR CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Natural Resources Div., Napa County Planning, Building and Env. Services Dept.

**PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON:** Brendan McGovern

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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Napa River and tributaries in Calistoga and Napa in Napa County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with Napa County to upgrade three existing stream gages on Milliken Creek, Redwood Creek, and Napa River and install two stream gages on Conn Creek and Dry Creek. The existing stream gage equipment and conduit would be upgraded and solar panels installed at the existing stream gages. The two new stream gages would include radar sensors with self enclosed telemetry units and equipment installed on or adjacent to existing bridge structures. Proposed activities will take place on existing structures and/or within previously disturbed areas outside of the stream channel.

**RESPONSIBLE 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): 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction; 15304. Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s): 15306. Information Collection
- Other:

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Proposed upgrades at 3 locations would occur within the same footprint of the existing stream gage stations, and provide the same purpose. Proposed upgrades and installations may result in temporary minor ground disturbance within previously disturbed areas adjacent to existing bridge structures and would provide real-time data, monitor hydrologic conditions, and provide hydrological information to the public. Proposed activities qualify for categorical exemptions 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 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. Proposed activities would not require the use of heavy equipment, tree removal, or work within the streambed or bank.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 5/8/2026

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