

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Siskiyou

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board
PO Box 2000
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(Address)

Project Title: Scott River Streamflow Gage

Project Applicant: State Water Resources Control Board

Project Location - Specific:

Scott River, below Highway 3 bridge near city of Fort Jones

Project Location - City: Fort Jones

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The State Water Board has requested services from United States Geological Survey (USGS) for streamflow gaging on Scott River (tributary to the Klamath River near Fort Jones California). The monitoring will follow standard USGS streamflow gaging practices and will specifically include bank-mounted installation consisting of a bubble-gage orifice (gas purge system and pressure transducer) and a data collection platform (DCP) for data storage and telemetry. The data will be telemetered and posted to the USGS National Water Information System (NWIS) website.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USGS

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: 15306 - Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This stream flow monitoring project is strictly for information gathering purposes and any disturbance to the Scott River (or any other environmental resource) is expected to be negligible. It therefore meets categorical exemption criteria for information collection per section 15306.

Lead Agency Zachary Zwahlen

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 323-5172

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:  Date: 12/15/2025 Title: Assistant Deputy Director, Water Rights

■ 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: _____