

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: CA. Dept. of Water Resources
Calif. Dept. of Water Resources
Northern Region Office
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PROJECT TITLE: El Dorado Irrigation District Stream Gage Upgrade - CalSIP Upgrade

SCH#: 2026020100

PROJECT SPONSOR CARRYING OUT PROJECT: El Dorado Irrigation District

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baron

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PROJECT LOCATION: White Hall (Mill Creek), Cameron Park (Deer Creek), and Placerville (Hangtown Creek) in El Dorado County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with the El Dorado Irrigation District to upgrade equipment at three existing stream gaging stations in the communities of White Hall (Mill Creek), Cameron Park (Deer Creek), and the City of Placerville (Hangtown Creek). These existing stream gages currently utilize discontinued technology that does not allow real-time data to be transferred via telemetry. The existing data loggers, bubblers, and/or transducers would be replaced and new telemetry devices would be installed at each of the stream gaging stations.

RESPONSIBLE 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. Existing Facilities;
15302. Replacement or Reconstruction;
15306. Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Proposed upgrades would occur within the same footprint of the existing stream gage stations, and provide the same purpose. Proposed activities provide real-time data, monitor hydrologic conditions, 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. Furthermore, proposed activities would not require the use of heavy equipment or result in additional ground disturbance or changes to the streambed or bank. Hand and power tools would be used to complete the work.

Signature Brian Humphrey Date: 4/22/2026

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