

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: New-Eel Russian Facility 60% Design (Geotechnical Investigation)

Project Location Specific: From the town of Potter Valley, to access the downstream extent of the Project, head north on Eel River Road, and bear left to the Cape Horn Dam (Lat - 39°23'11.78"N, Long -123° 7'1.23"W). To access the upstream portion of the project from the town of Potter Valley, head north on Eel River Road, bear right on Cutoff Road, bear right on Eel River Road, cross over the bridge (over the Eel River), bear right on Eel River Road to Lat 39°22'51.22", Long - 123° 5'5.67"W.

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project purpose is to conduct a subsurface geotechnical exploration program to advance the New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF) to a 60% Design. This program will collect data that will help: identify depth of river sediment (soil) deposited in the Van Arsdale Reservoir to inform sediment volume estimates; identify physical characteristics of soil to inform selection of material parameters for sediment transport modeling; characterize chemical contents of soil to inform environmental considerations and suitability considerations for river channel restoration; and investigate soil and bedrock conditions to inform the foundation design and construction of the future NERF components (i.e., pump station, retaining wall, and other associated structures) between the Cape Horn Dam and the Van Arsdale Diversion Intake. The information will also be used to inform sediment volume estimates, select material parameters for sediment transport modeling, and suitability consideration for river channel restoration and/or potential engineering use of the materials.

Lead Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

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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:

