

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Land Use and Climate  
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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
1701 Nimbus Road  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



**Project Title:** Ralston Afterbay Inlet and Outlet Maintenance Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-61990-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at the Ralston Afterbay along the Middle Fork American River, in the County of Placer, State of California; Latitude: 39.00363, Longitude - 120.74650. (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees) Assessor's Parcel Number 254-280-002-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-61990-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Placer County Water Agency as represented by Heather Trejo.

The project is limited to the following three activities:

- Sediment Removal: Physical removal of 40,000 cubic yards (CY) of accumulated sediment from Ralston Afterbay in the vicinity of the Ralston Afterbay Dam and Ralston-Oxbow Tunnel Intake structure.
- Sediment Disposal: Disposal of removed sediment at an existing, approved disposal area.
- Low Level Outlet (LLO) Trash Rack Replacement: Removal of the existing steel trash rack and installation of a new structural trash rack on the Ralston Afterbay Dam LLO to allow required operation/cycling of the LLO.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person / Public Agency Carrying out Project:**

Placer County Water Agency  
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**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301)

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4(c, and g)); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15304)

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is exempt under section 15301 because it consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The project is exempt under section 15304 because it consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation.

**CDFW Contact Person:** Will Kanz, Environmental Scientist, 916-880-8981.

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Jennifer Garcia, Environmental Program Manager

**Date:** 2/9/2026