

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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



State Clearinghouse Number: 2026020716

Project Title: SLCWD Water Intake Line Replacement and Extension (Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-63946-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Serene Lake, in the County of Placer, State of California; Latitude/Longitude: 39.30335, -120.38644 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); Assessor's Parcel Number 069-020-068-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-63946-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Sierra Lakes County Water District.

The project is limited to the replacement and extension of a portion of the existing Serena Lake intake pipe to alleviate water quality issues in the raw water supply. The project includes two components: (1) extension and replacement of existing pipe sections and (2) replacement of the existing inlet with an engineered passive intake screen.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person / Public Agency Carrying out Project:

Sierra Lakes County Water District
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Exempt Status: On February 12, 2026, the Sierra Lakes County Water District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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