

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: CA. Dept. of Water Resources
Calif. Dept. of Water Resources
Northern Region Office
2440 Main Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

PROJECT TITLE: Prairie Creek Stream Gage at O' Rew Restoration Site - CalSIP Installation

SCH#: _____

PROJECT SPONSOR: Yurok Tribe Environmental Department

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Josh Cahill

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PROJECT LOCATION: Upstream end of the O' Rew Restoration Site on Prairie Creek in Orick, Humboldt County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with the Yurok Tribe Environmental Department to install a stream gage on Prairie Creek within the O' Rew Restoration Site. The proposed project would install a real-time gaging station consisting of a datasonde with sensors, bubbler and transducer, a data logger, and telemetry radio. A small concrete pad (approx. 4' x 4') will be placed about 75' from the channel to house the data logger/electronics with conduit extending to the stream channel buried approximately 6" below the surface using hand tools.

NAME OF PUBLIC 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): 15304: Minor Alterations to Land
15306. Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The purpose of this project is to monitor water quality and quantity of Prairie Creek within the O'Rew Restoration Site. The proposed project will result in minor ground disturbance as a result of the installation of a small concrete pad and conduit buried 6" deep using hand tools that would extend from the concrete pad to the bank full mark of the creek with no instream disturbance. Proposed activities qualify for categorical exemptions 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) 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 are not anticipated to result in impacts to riparian, turbidity increases, or ground disturbance or changes to the streambed or bank.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 3/24/2026

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