



Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. Water Resources
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Project Title: CalSIP - North Fork Feather River Stream Gage Installation

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Location - Specific:

5 Locations: N.F. Feather River at High Bridge Campground (40.339876, -121.310002), N.F. Feather River at Collins Diversion (40.304097, -121.259684), N.F. Feather River at Super Ditch (40.299441, -121.261743); Kings Creek Bridge (40.433179, -121.351754); and Warner Creek at High Bridge (40.342246, -121.304806).

Project Location - City: near Chester Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, DWR is proposing to install stream gages at five locations along the N.F. Feather River and its tributaries. Proposed activities at each location include: (1) the installation of a data logger, bubbler unit, battery, and radio equipment housed in a steel enclosure mounted to two galvanized posts anchored in concrete outside the channel with an antenna and solar panel attached to the top of the posts; (2) two-inch galvanized steel conduit routed from the steel enclosure to the toe of the stream channel where it would be buried outside the channel and surface mounted with pipe strap and wedge anchors down the stream bank; and (3) a staff gage attached to galvanized angle iron driven into the stream channel adjacent to the conduit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

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: 15304. Minor Alterations to Land,
15306. Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The purpose of the project is to provide real-time data and monitor hydrologic conditions within North Fork Feather River and its tributaries. The proposed installation of conduit, steel posts to mount the steel enclosure, and staff gage will result in minor ground 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.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Brian Humphrey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-317-8623

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ■ Yes No

Signature Brian Humphrey Date: 3/25/2026 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____