

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: California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) - City of Beaumont Stream Gage Installation

SCH#: 2026060004

PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Beaumont

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Thaxton Van Belle

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PROJECT LOCATION: San Timoteo Wash/Creek and Cooper's Creek in and near Beaumont in Riverside County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with the City of Beaumont to install a total of four stream gages; one on Cooper's Creek and three on San Timoteo Wash/Creek. Each gaging station will include a staff plate, 2-inch diameter PVC stilling well with conduit, a conductivity and water level probe, data logger with integrated telemetry, and antenna. The staff plate and stilling well will be secured to T-posts driven into the channel, while the data collection equipment and antenna will be secured to a T-post outside the channel. Installation will be limited to the use of hand tools with no use of heavy equipment.

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:

Proposed stream gage installations would be installed within previously disturbed areas with minor ground disturbance and no tree removal. The proposed stream gages will collect continuous surface water monitoring data, including stage, flow, water temperature, and specific conductance. 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.

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