

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency) CA Department of Water Resources  
3500 Industrial Blvd.  
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(Address)

County Clerk  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Project Title: TCC and T18 Upper Feather River Dams Fault Exploration, Indian Creek Fault (ICF)

Project Location - Specific:

Upstream of Antelope Lake/Dam  
Lat.: 40° 13' 57.80" N; Long.: 120° 38' 55.36" W (T-18)  
Lat: 40° 11' 24.20" N; Long: 120° 37' 4.04" W (T-CC)

Project Location – City: Janesville Project Location – County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To evaluate past tectonic activity that could influence dam safety at Antelope Lake in the future two trench sites (T-CC and T-18) are selected to excavate on the Indian Creek Fault (ICF) near Antelope Lake in the Mt. Hough Ranger District. Up to two trenches at each location will be excavated and studied to better define the location and history of the ICF approximately 1 mile and 3 miles upstream of Antelope Dam along Indian Creek, respectively. Preliminary subsurface geologic exploration at the ICF sites will take place prior to excavation. A hand auger or post-hole tool will be used to dig into the ground and then backfilled with the same soil. Tarps will be used to place the soil on temporarily until backfilling.

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: Class 4, Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 4 exemptions actions consisting of minor alterations to land including minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The goal of the trenching is to evaluate past tectonic activity that could influence dam safety in the future. The trenches will be open for up to four weeks at each location. All preliminary work will be completed in a day; no hand-dug locations will be left open. At the end of the project, site will be restored to original conditions using the excavated spoils, straw, and native seed per Plumas National Forest direction.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Leah Feigelson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 820-7583

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: Leah Feigelson Date: 3/12/2026 Title: Engineering Geologist

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signed by Applicant

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