

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Modoc Resource
Conservation District
221 W. 8th Street, Alturas
California 96101

County Clerk
County of: Modoc
108 E. Modoc Street
Alturas, CA 96101

Project Title: NORTH FORK PIT RIVER AT ALTURAS STREAM GAGE INSTALLATION PROJECT

Project Applicant: Modoc Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Lat: 41.481966 Long: -120.538537

T42N R12E, NW ¼, NW ¼ Section 13 Mount Diablo Base & Meridian

USGS 7.5' Quad Map(s): Alturas

Project Location - City: Alturas

Project Location - County: Modoc

STEPHANIE WELLEMAYER, COUNTY CLERK
BY Julie X. Burke
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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of Modoc, through funding provided by the California Department of Water Resources Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP), proposes installation of a stream gage and associated monitoring equipment to reestablish streamflow monitoring capabilities at a historically monitored location on the North Fork of the Pit River. Project improvements include installation of a small datalogger box, PVC conduit, bubbler gage and staff plates for streamflow monitoring and data collection. Ground disturbance would be limited to the installation of J-hook anchors used to secure the conduit and bubbler gage. The project is intended to provide reliable, real-time streamflow data for water resource management, public safety, water supply planning, and conservation of freshwater resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Modoc Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Modoc/Modoc Resource Conservation District

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 6, CCR Section §15306 Information Collection
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies for a Class 6 Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection), which consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project involves installation and operation of a small stream gaging station for collection of hydrologic and streamflow data at a previously monitored

location. Activities are limited to installation of minor monitoring equipment with minimal ground disturbance. No grading, channel modification, vegetation removal, alteration of streamflow, or substantial disturbance to environmental resources would occur.

None of the exceptions to categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. Therefore, the project is appropriately exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section ~~15304, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land)~~ 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michael Colbert

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-640-2179

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: *Lami Cockrell*

Date: 6/16/24

Title: Executive Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2026
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MODOC RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE NORTH FORK PIT RIVER AT ALTURAS
STREAM GAGE INSTALLATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING FILING OF A NOTICE
OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA**

WHEREAS, the County of Modoc has received funding through the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) under Standard Agreement No. 4600016311 for the installation of stream gages within Modoc County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Modoc contracted with the Modoc Resource Conservation District (MRCD) to provide contract administration and fulfill the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement; and

WHEREAS, MRCD is serving as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed North Fork at Pit River Stream Gage Installation Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes installation of a stream gage and associated monitoring equipment in the vicinity of the former United States Geological Survey (USGS) stream gage site, Station No. 11344000, located at the Estes Street Bridge on the North Fork Pit River approximately 1.4 miles upstream of the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork of the Pit River in Modoc County, California; and

WHEREAS, project improvements include installation of a small datalogger job box, conduit, bubbler gage, staff plate and assorted appurtenances necessary to collect and transmit continuous stream stage data; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the project is to reestablish streamflow monitoring capabilities and provide reliable real-time hydrologic information for water resource management, public safety, water supply planning, and freshwater resource conservation; and

WHEREAS the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code) requires that Lead Agencies consider the environmental consequences of their actions before approving a project; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000 et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines, Title 14, California Code of Regulations §15000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Class 4, §15306 – Information Collection; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that the Project meets the criteria for exemption and that none of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062, a Notice of Exemption (NOE) may be filed following project approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Modoc Resource Conservation District as follows:

1. Finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Board of Directors hereby approves the **North Fork Pit River at Alturas Stream Gage Installation Project** as described in the environmental review report for an exempt project and supporting documentation
3. Determines that the North Fork Pit River Stream Gage Installation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 - Information Collection.
4. Finds that none of the exceptions contained in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project.
5. Adopts the Notice of Exemption for the **North Fork Pit River Stream at Alturas Stream Gage Installation Project**.
6. Authorizes the District's Executive Director, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and file the Notice of Exemption with the Modoc County Clerk and any other agencies as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Modoc Resource Conservation District this 16 day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

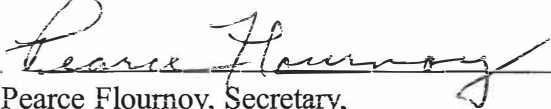
- AYES: 4
- NOES: 0
- ABSENT: 3
- ABSTAIN: 0

I, Erika Forrest, the undersigned Chairman of the Modoc Resource Conservation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Executive Board at a meeting held on 6/24, 2026, at which a quorum was present.



Modoc Resource Conservation District, Chairperson
Modoc Resource Conservation District Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Pearce Flourney, Secretary,
Modoc Resource Conservation District Board of Directors