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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk
County of: Placer

From: (Public Agency): SWRCB
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
(Address)

Project Title: Petition to Change Water Right License 7098 (Application 17304)

Project Applicant: US Forest Service Tahoe National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

Powderhorn Creek, near Wentworth Springs, CA

Project Location - City: Wentworth Springs Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Forest Service has submitted a petition to change Water Right License 7098 (Application 17304) to add Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement (dedicated instream flow) downstream of the licensed Point of Diversion in Placer County. Irrigation and domestic uses are removed from License 7098.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: US Forest Service Tahoe National Forest

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: Sec 15308, Protection of the Environment
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project dedicates water to instream flow for fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement. No construction or building; and no grading or excavation will occur for this project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michael Meza Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5427

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: Derek Wadsworth Date: 6/26/2026 Title: Senior Engineer

☒ 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: _____