

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Land Use and Climate
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From (Public Agency): California Department of Water
Resources
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Online posting

Project Title: White River by Earlimart Stream Gauge Vegetation Removal

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

The White River by Earlimart (WRE) stream gauge is east of Highway 99 and southeast of the City of Earlimart and located on the right bank of the White River, which is adjacent to Road 168. Township 24S Range 26E Section 08 (35.849304°, -119.196856°).

Project Location - City: Earlimart, California

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Hand tools and a weed eater will be used to remove vegetation from the bubbler line and staff gauge within the dry channel of the White River, from the levee road to the current waterline, and from 10 feet upstream and downstream of the WRE stream gauge station. The work is necessary to maintain access to the station and for proper operation of the station. Local farmers, residents, and local jurisdictions will benefit.

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); Click or tap here to enter text.
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Click or tap here to enter text.
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); Click or tap here to enter text.
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Work involves vegetation removal to maintain access to and operation of the station. There will be no expansion of the stream gauge. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) applies. No sensitive biological or cultural resources have been identified in the area.

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1. Signature: Hossain Aghazeynali Date: 7/13/2026 Title: Senior Engineer, Water Resources

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

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

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