

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: California Dept. of Water Resources
Northern Region Office
2440 Main Street
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PROJECT TITLE: Dead Horse Cut Stream Gage Installation - CalSIP

SCH#: 2026070562

PROJECT SPONSOR: Reclamation District 2110

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Michael Kynett

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PROJECT LOCATION: Southeast corner of Dead Horse Island, Walnut Grove, Sacramento County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with Reclamation District 2110 to install a stream gage on the east bank of Dead Horse Cut near the confluence with Snodgrass Slough. The stream gage equipment would be housed in a cabinet with solar panels and an antenna mounted to two 2" galvanized steel pipes with concrete footings installed outside the channel along a private levee road. A steel pipe conduit would be secured above ground and extend from the cabinet down the levee bank into the channel to a sonde transmitter and bubbler. The project would involve minor trenching and backfilling.



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): Sec. 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land;
Sec. 15306 - Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- ☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed stream gage would be installed within a previously disturbed area with minimal ground disturbance outside the channel, and no tree removal. The proposed stream gage will collect continuous surface water monitoring data, including stage, flow, and water temperature. Proposed activities will qualify for categorical exemptions 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and 15306 (Information Collection) and will not result in a significant impact to the environment and none of the exceptions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 10/6/2026

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