

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Mendocino, Sonoma
501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA 95482

585 Fiscal Drive Room 103, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): SWRCB Telemetry Research Unit
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Russian River Telemetry Study

Project Applicant: State Water Resources Control Board Telemetry Research Unit

Project Location - Specific:

Multiple locations throughout the Russian River watershed; see Figure 1 in attached Study Description.

Project Location - City: Various, see above & Figure 1 Project Location - County: Sonoma, Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Study is proposed to modernize the SWRCB Division of Water Rights' water measurement and reporting by evaluating the use of telemetry in reporting gage data. It will install up to 125 telemetered gage stations and telemetry gateways at sites throughout the Russian River watershed. Additional information is provided in the attached Study Description.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: State Water Resources Control Board Telemetry Research Unit

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)); Classes 1, 2, 6 (Secs. 15301, 15302, 15306);
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 33 (Sec. 15333)
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.56 (statutory exemption for restoration projects/SERP)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Please see attached Study Description for discussion.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Christian Fehrenbacher Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916.323.3646

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: Christian S. Fehrenbacher Date: 07/31/2026 Title: Water Resource Control 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: _____