

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): CA Dept of Water Resources
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

(Address)

Project Title: City of Williams Continuous GPS Installation Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Wastewater treatment plan in Williams, CA

Project Location - City: Williams Project Location - County: Colusa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

In 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law requiring local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to manage groundwater in their basins. GSAs have submitted Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) which describe how the GSA will manage groundwater in their basin, including various groundwater monitoring networks such as groundwater level monitoring and land subsidence monitoring. However, there are many gaps in groundwater monitoring networks across the basins, statewide. This Project is to install high-resolution measurements for subsidence monitoring through DWR's Statewide Groundwater Monitoring initiative.

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);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15306 Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The cGPS installation will be used to monitor subsidence. Proposed activities are not anticipated to impact any environmental resources, including scenic resources, cultural resources, or special status plants or wildlife species. The project will not result in any significant impact to the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Evan MacKinnon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-317-8595

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: Evan MacKinnon Date: 10/9/26 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

☐ 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: _____