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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of _____

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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: OFD Seismic Refraction Surveys - Shaffer, Hough, Grizzly (OM-OFD-2026-1)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: Shaffer Mountain 40°26'47"N,120°21'28"W
Mount Hough 40° 2'40"N, 120°53'10"W, Grizzly Valley 39°52'58"N, 120°28'31"W

Project Location – City: _____ Project Location – County: Lassen and Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will perform surface waves site surveys seismic stations in the Oroville Field Division of the State Water Project. Equipment used during the surveys will include seismographs, accessories, and general hand tools. Staff will place the string of geophones along the ground that consist of a sensor in a 5-inch plastic housing attached to a 6-inch metal spike. Active arrays may use a ground impact source by either hitting a metal plate on the ground with a sledgehammer or using an accelerated weight attached to truck to impact the plate.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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: Class 6, Information Collection, Section No. 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves data collection activities for a safe water supply. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Since this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 6 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sara Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

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: Sara Lowry Date: 11/9/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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