

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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- 3. DWR File No. 940

**TO:** Office of Planning  
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
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**FROM:** Department of Water Resources  
 Division of Operations & Maintenance  
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**Project Title:**  
 Repair of Fish Canyon Creek Gauging Station

**Project Location - Specific:**

The Fish Canyon Creek Gauging Station is located 8 miles north of the town of Castaic in northern Los Angeles County. The station is in the ¼ NE Section 22 of Township 6-North and Range 17-West of the USGS 7.5' Quadrangle: Whitaker Peak, Calif. Its latitude is 34.60285° and its longitude is -118.66176°.

**Project Location - City and County:**

Near Castaic in Los Angeles County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The repair activities include the removal and replacement of the damaged station concrete apron, buried 2" diameter contact pipes, repair of the steel cap and concrete weir, and installation of unconsolidated riprap below the downstream apron to prevent head-cutting by storm flows. Project also includes the removal by hand of invasive plant species for 300 feet upstream and 1000 feet downstream of the gauging station.

By properly maintaining the stream gauging stations, DWR ensures the accurate measurement of the natural inflow into Castaic Lake. By providing accurate natural inflow data into the reservoir, DWR can meet its legal obligation to release the natural inflow to Castaic Lake's downstream water users. Therefore, the primary beneficiaries of the maintenance project include the State Water Project and Castaic Lake's downstream water users.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

Department of Water Resources.

**Name of Person of Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Department of Water Resources.

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Other

- Emergency Project [Sec. 21090(b)(3); 15269(b)]
- X Categorical
- Type Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)

**Reason Why Project Is Exempt:**

This project is exempt because it involves maintenance of existing facilities of the State Water Project [Section 15301(b) of CEQA]. The SWP serves as a major water source for southern California.

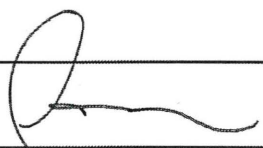
**If Filed by Applicant:**

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