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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Public Agency): CA. Dept. of Water Resources
460 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966
(Address)

Project Title: DWR Fuel Load Management and Maintenance
Project Applicant: CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) - Oroville Field Division

Project Location - Specific:
Lands within the Oroville Facilities Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project Boundary. Specifically Lime Saddle, Bidwell Canyon, Saddle Dam, Loafer Creek, Canyon Drive, and the Hyatt Power Plant perimeter.

Project Location - City: Oroville Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Reduce and maintain the amount of brush, grasses, and ladder fuels to minimize the potential for a wildfire within the FERC Project Boundary. Treatment methods will include but are not limited to: hand thinning, chipping, pile burning, prescribed burning, mastication, grazing, and mowing.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Water Resources
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304, 15307, 15308
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project is exempt from CEQA review under categorical exemption Class 4 - Minor alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Class 7 and 8 - Actions taken by regulatory agencies for protection of natural resources and the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Krystle Mache Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 534-2575

- 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? [X] Yes [ ] No

Signature: Krystle Mache Date: 5/16/2019 Title: Environmental Scientist

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [X] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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