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Notice of Exemption

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

County Clerk
County of:

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

(Address)

Project Title: Thermalito Forebay and Afterbay Dam Vegetation Maintenance

Project Applicant: CA Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Location - Specific:

There are a total of four work sites. Two on the in-reservoir side of the Forebay dam and two at the Thermalito Afterbay, one on the north in-reservoir side of the dam and one on the southeast outside of the dam.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will remove vegetation from the three in-reservoir high-ground areas (10 to 15 feet). Reservoir levels will be adjusted for the in-reservoir work. Also, at the Afterbay toe near Larkin Rd. vegetation removal and install a new maintenance road on the downstream side of the dam toe.

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: Class 1, Maintenance
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is maintenance of an existing facility. The work will be done outside of the nesting bird season and the giant garter snake active period. Hand tools will be used for the in-reservoir toe vegetation and ground disturbance will be minimal. All elderberry bushes will be buffered and avoided.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Robin Carter Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 534-2570

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: [Signature] Date: 7/26/2019 Title: Environmental Scientist

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

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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