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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

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

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Willow Creek Bubbler Installation

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:
The project is located where Armstrong Rd. crosses Willow Creek, approx. 9 miles upstream of confluence with Ash Creek, approx. 11.2 miles east of the town of Bieber in Lassen County. (Lat: 41°06'28"N, Long: 120°55'43"W)

Project Location - City: Bieber Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
DWR is proposing to install a bubbler gage to measure water surface elevation on Willow Creek. A National Electrical Manufacturers Assoc. (NEMA) box will be installed along Armstrong Road, while a galvanized pipe will be installed from the NEMA box to the creek with no heavy equipment and minimal ground disturbance.

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 installation of the bubbler gage will be used to measure water surface elevation on Willow Creek. No heavy equipment will be used and ground disturbance will be minimal. 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: Brian Humphrey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 529-7307

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 6/3/2020 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Subject: CEQA Notice of Exemption – Willow Creek Bubbler Installation

The purpose of this letter is to submit the enclosed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption form (Appendix E) to install a bubbler type stream gage on Willow Creek in Lassen County, where Armstrong Road crosses. The project site is located approximately 5.6 miles south of the town of Adin and 11.2 miles east of the town of Bieber. The stream gage will be installed on the east side of Armstrong Road and southwest bank of Willow Creek, approximately 9 miles upstream of its confluence with Ash Creek. Ash Creek flows into the Pit River, which eventually flows into Shasta Lake.

The Department of Water Resources is proposing to install a bubbler gage connected to a National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) box on the bank of Willow Creek, which will be used to measure the water surface elevation of Willow Creek. The NEMA box will be attached to two two-inch diameter galvanized pipes that will be driven into the ground immediately adjacent to Armstrong Road. A two-inch diameter galvanized pipe will be installed on the ground surface from the NEMA box to the creek, while the end of the pipe will be submerged underneath the water surface. All work will take place with hand tools. No heavy equipment will be used as part of the proposed activities.

The proposed bubbler installation is for information gathering purposes and falls under Categorical Exemption described in CEQA Guidelines §15306 for Information Collection (Class 6). The proposed project is not anticipated to impact any environmental resources including scenic resources, cultural resources, hazardous waste sites, sensitive habitats, and special status species. Overall, proposed activities are not anticipated to result in any significant impact to the environment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (530) 529-7307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Humphrey".

Brian Humphrey, Environmental Scientist
Environmental Services Section

Enclosure