

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Tulare

221 S Mooney Blvd

Visalia, CA 93291

From: (Public Agency): Dept. of Water Resources
3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95821

(Address)

Project Title: Farewell Gap Tower Reconstruction

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

(Lat 36.4150886535645, Long -118.578903198242).

Project Location - City: Mineral King, CA Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Farewell Gap weather station (FRW) is a high elevation, remote weather station located in Farewell Canyon within Sequoia National Park (Lat 36.4150886535645, Long -118.578903198242). During the 2017 winter an avalanche or large wind gusts created a failure point in the tower. The tower was destroyed and has been non-functional since. To combat avalanche impacts, DWR proposes to install a stronger triangulated tower with increased sheer strength.

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: 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project would involve reconstruction of the Farewell Gap Tower weather station which was destroyed by weather. The new structure will be located on the same site as the old structure it is replacing and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Gina Radieva Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-712-6873

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:  Date: 8/4/2020 Title: Senior Engineer, WR

Signed by Lead Agency 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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