

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Lucerne Water Treatment Plant Emergency Intake Pump (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. 1600-2015-0093-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Clear Lake, in the County of Lake, City of Lucerne, State of California; Latitude 39.092087, Longitude 122.798969, Township 14N, Range 8W; at the Lucerne Water Treatment Plant.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification Number 1600-2015-0093-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Kim Gregory/California Water Service Company.

The project is limited to installation of a temporary emergency water intake floating pipeline (Plan A) for pumping extraction from Clear Lake in response to decreased lake water levels caused by current drought conditions. Following long-term implementation and in the event that Plan A encounters logistical and operational challenges (e.g., persistent problems with the pontoon skid operations, or with the flexible hose set up, etc.), an alternative plan (Plan B) will be implemented.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Kim Gregory / California Water Service Company

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption. 15269(c)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt under section 15269(c) because it involves specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. Governor Gavin Newsome signed a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on May 10th, 2021, suspending the California Environmental Quality Act in Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division for activities to address the impacts of the drought in Lake County. The project will ensure potable water is available to the City of Lucerne during a severe drought.

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