

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Butte

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 94236

(Address)

Project Title: River Valve Outlet Rehabilitation (RVOS), Piezometer Installation

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Oroville Dam, Oroville, California (39.3208.08, -121.2848.20)

Project Location - City: Oroville

Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Two borings will be advanced to a total depth of 30 feet within the RVOS valve chamber in order to install two vibrating-wire piezometers. These piezometers will assist in determining a representative pore pressure value within the free draining zone surrounding the valve chamber and provide information on the effectiveness of the 3-stage grout curtain surrounding the valve chamber. All instrumentation will be connected to a real-time telemetry network.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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: Class 6 - Information Collection (15306)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves basic data collection for a resource evaluation. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat, cultural resources, or any other resource areas. As such, the Categorical Exemption Class 6 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Angela Calderaro

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-820-7641

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: Angela Calderaro Date: 1/25/2022 Title: Environmental Program Manager I

Signed by Lead Agency 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: _____