

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Placer County Water Agency
P.O. Box 6570
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(Public Agency and Address)

County Clerk, County of: Placer

Project Title: French Meadows South Shore Water Supply Project

Project Location - Specific: French Meadows Reservoir is located at lat 39.11583/long -120.46823, in eastern Placer County about 16 air miles (36 road miles) northeast of Foresthill, California. The new water supply system will be located on the south shore of French Meadows Reservoir off Forest Road 96-79.

Project Location - City: Tahoe National Forest near Foresthill area **Project Location - County:** Placer

Description of Project: The existing French Meadows South Shore Water Supply has inadequate yield and needs replacement. The facilities are required to meet the terms and conditions of the license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Middle Fork American River Project, including Forest Service Section 4(e) Condition No. 34 and to serve needs of recreationists using the French Meadows Campground; French Meadows Picnic Area; and French Meadows Boat Ramp. The proposed project consists of decommissioning the existing water supply system, and the installation of a new vertical well, water storage tank, waterline to interconnect, prefabricated concrete building with communications antenna and access road.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Water Agency

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 2, Section 15302 and Class 3, Section 15303
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c)). The project will include construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, including water main and other utility extensions. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d)).

Lead Agency **Area Code/**
Contact Person: Heather Trejo **Telephone/Extension:** 530-823-4850

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: Heather Trejo Date: 4/19/22 Title: Environmental Scientist
Heather Trejo

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant