

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-06

**JEFF L. TAYLOR - PINE FLAT HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT NO. 2741 NON-CAPACITY
AMENDMENT TO EXISTING LICENSE FOR PROPOSED UNIT 4
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District ("District") is licensee and Lead Agency of the Jeff L. Taylor – Pine Flat Hydroelectric Project No. 2741 ("Hydroelectric Project"); and

WHEREAS, the District is pursuing a non-capacity amendment to the existing license for a Proposed Unity 4 ("Proposed Project") and approval of the Proposed Project is a discretionary action pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq*); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the Proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule Exemption or Common Sense Exemption as noted in the findings in the Notice of Exemption, hereby incorporated by reference and found as Exhibit A to this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, the Board of the District finds that the Proposed Project is approved and is exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and that said Project has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall file this Notice of Exemption, or cause it to be filed, with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, the Fresno County Clerk, and/or any other agency or entity as required by law.

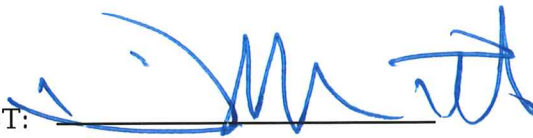
THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District on this 10th day of May 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Director Kapheim, Howe and Yoshimoto

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director McKean and Cehrs

ATTEST:



Secretary


President

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, David Merritt, Secretary of Kings River Conservation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors of said District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 10th day of May 2022, of which meeting all of the members of said Board of Directors had due notice and at which a majority thereof were present.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of Kings River Conservation District this 10th day of May 2022.



Secretary

(Seal)

Exhibit A

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Kings River Conservation District
4886 East Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725

County Clerk
County of: Fresno
2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA 93721

(Address)

Project Title: Jeff L. Taylor Powerhouse Unit 4 Project

Project Applicant: Kings River Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Hydroelectric Project, Sanger, CA 93657

Project Location - City: Sanger Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Proposed Project includes the addition of a new small turbine-generating unit (Unit 4) within the Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Hydroelectric Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Kings River Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kings River Conservation District

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) General Rule Exemption or Common Sense Exemption because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility for the Proposed Project to have a significant effect on the environment. Attached is Project Description and an evaluation based on CEQA Appendix G criteria that demonstrates no possibility of significant effects for relevant resource areas.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: David M. Merritt, GM Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559.237.5567 ext. 111

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: _____ Title: _____

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: _____