

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Colusa, Glenn

From: (Public Agency): Reclamation District No. 1004
317 4th Street
Colusa, CA 95932

(Address)

Project Title: Drought Relief Funding Agreement and Notice of Availability of Drought Relief Funding

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

RD1004's service area, Colusa and Glenn Counties

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Colusa, Glenn

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Drought Relief Funding Agreement and Notice of Availability of Drought Relief Funding will make federal funds available to RD1004, and farmers within RD1004, in exchange for forbearance of Sacramento River water deliveries which various Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) are entitled to receive under their Sacramento River Settlement Contracts. Rescheduled water will be used by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for fish and wildlife purposes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Reclamation District No. 1004

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SRSCs, Sacramento River Settlement Corporation, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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: Existing Facilities (15301); Minor Alterations to Land (15304)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The actions to be taken pursuant the Drought Relief Funding Agreement and Notice of Drought Relief Funding involve the ongoing administration of water resources under the existing authority of the RD1004's settlement contract, consistent with historic practices, and do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). ((Pub. Resources Code, § 21065; CEQA Guidelines, § 15378(c).) Alternatively, these actions are exempt from CEQA because they fall within the following categorical exemptions: Class 1 (Operation of Existing Facilities) (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations in the Condition of Land, Water and/or Vegetation) (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304) and there is no reasonable possibility that these actions will result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dustin Cooper Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 533-2885

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: Dustin Cooper Date: 10/28/22 Title: Legal Counsel

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: _____