

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Bethany Dams Low-level Outlet HPU System Refurbishment (OM-DFD-2023-009)

Project Location - Specific:

Bethany Reservoir. Coordinates are LAT: 37°47'3.29"N, LONG: 121°37'4.82"W  
Cross Streets are Christensen and Kelso Road

Project Location – City: Livermore Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR Staff will refurbish the Hydraulic Pump Unit (HPU) System for the 48-inch butterfly valve (BFV) associated with the Bethany Forebay Dam outlet works. Various mechanical components will be replaced/repared inside the control building, within outlet works tunnel, & at the above ground pipe manifold within the fenced maintenance area. This will restore the proper operating condition of the HPU System to safely exercise the 48-inch BFV on an annual basis as required by Division of Safety of Dams & will ensure the ability to dewater the reservoir during an emergency. All equipment and work are within the DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

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: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 2/2/2023 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signed by Applicant

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