

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 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Oroville Dam Toe Piezometer Datalogger Relocation and Repair Project

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Oroville Dam - Canyon Dr. and Oroville Dam Blvd., Oroville, CA

Project Location - City: Oroville Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is proposing to relocate five below-ground piezometers (200a, P-200b, P-203, P-204a, and P-204b) at the Oroville Toe Dam to above-ground locations. The piezometers are outfitted with Vibrating Wire Piezometers (VWP), dataloggers, and are networked on a telemetry system. The piezometers are currently located in sub-grate vaults and have failed twice due to condensation. Relocating the piezometers to above-ground poles will eliminate this issue

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 (15306)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it involves data collection for a resource evaluation which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sarah Cannon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-882-2829

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: Sarah Cannon Date: 2/14/2023 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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: _____