

## Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** California Department of Water Resources  
691 N. Laverne Avenue, Suite 104  
Fresno, CA 93727

**Project Title:** North Coast Tribal Emergency Water Needs Project (Grant Agreement # 4600014854)

### Project Location:

The Project includes three separate projects in Mendocino County. One is located south of the City of Ukiah, the second is near the town of Covelo and Round Valley, the third is located along the Pacific coast, and is adjacent to the City of Point Arena, 133 miles north of San Francisco on Highway 1. The region is rural and mountainous, situated along the Pacific Coast in Northern California's coastal range.

### Project Description:

The California Department of Water Resources has executed a grant agreement (Grant Agreement # 4600014854) through the Small Community Drought Relief Program in the amount of \$5,750,000 to the California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA).

The California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA) is currently the Tribal Engagement Coordinator for the North Coast Resource Partnership and has been providing technical assistance on Tribal water and wastewater systems.

The Project includes providing backup source connections and storage tanks to the Yokayo Tribe, the Manchester Band of Pomo Indian, and the Round Valley Indian Tribe to help them thrive during the current and future droughts. All three tribes own and operate a public water system for the tribal community, but due to the ongoing drought these systems require upgrades or additional storage tanks to ensure members have safe drinking water.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:**

The California Indian Environmental Alliance

**Exempt/Suspend Status:**

- ✓ Declared Emergency: (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- ✓ Emergency Project: (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])  
Categorical Exemption:
- ✓ Statutory Exemptions:  
Water Code section 13198.2(d)

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:**

Grants and direct expenditures for interim or immediate relief in response to conditions arising from a drought scenario to provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies under Water Code Section 13198.2, are exempt from the requirement of Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code.

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**Signature:**                     *Karen Dulik*                     **Date:**                     5/5/2023                     **Title:**                     Environmental Program Manager                    

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Applicant