



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 22 June 2023

Project Title:

Magalia Dam Seismic Retrofit Project – Geotechnical Boring Surveys (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: Intersection of Skyway and Dogtown Road
Section 25, Township 23 North, Range 03 East, MDB&M.
Nearest City: Magalia
Latitude: 39.814672° and Longitude: -121.584585°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A total of six borings will be advanced upstream of the Magalia Dam within Magalia Reservoir to determine the foundation conditions of the upstream buttress and to determine the geotechnical properties of the proposed borrow material prior to a separate seismic retrofit project at Magalia Dam. All of the borings will lie outside the underwater footprint of the dam to the northeast of the crest of the dam and will be taken using a drill rig from a barge. The barge will be mobilized and demobilized from the left abutment of the dam under supervision of a biologist. Daily mobilizations to the barge will be completed via a 22- by 7-ft tool boat. The borings will be backfilled with a cement-bentonite grout mixture.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 6.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A04CR00357.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, article 19, section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15304 because the Project involves minor alterations to land with no removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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