

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) California Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd
West Sacramento, CA 95691

(Address)

County Clerk

County of Tulare221 South Mooney Blvd, Room 105Visalia, CA 93291

Project Title: Statewide Monitoring Network Modernization Project – Big Meadows Weather Station

Project Location - Specific:

This project will occur on private property at latitude 36.715225 and longitude -118.843773.

Project Location – City: n/aProject Location – County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will replace an existing weather station at Big Meadow (BIM) with a new, tower-style weather station. This project is part of a multi-year effort to update or replace worn, dilapidated, and unsafe weather stations within the Statewide Monitoring Network that DWR operates in coordination with various state, federal, and institutional agencies. Construction shall occur during the snow-free summer months and take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water ResourcesName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water ResourcesExempt 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: Sect. 15302: Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will replace an existing weather station with a new, tower-style weather station. Approximately 0.02 acres of ground disturbance will occur during the dismantling of the old weather station and construction of the new weather station. The change in equipment will involve negligible or no expansion of capacity and area.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Clayton Guiraud Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-6860**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: Clayton Guiraud Date: 9/8/2023 Title: Project Manager Signed by Lead AgencyDate received for filing at OPR: 9/8/23 Signed by Applicant

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