

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
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(Address)

Project Title: Colgate Tunnel Enhancement & Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Eastern Yuba County; along the conveyance system that runs from New Bullards Bar I

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Yuba County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources, as a Responsible Agency, is funding the Proposed Project (also known as the Colgate Tunnel and Penstock Maintenance Project; State Clearinghouse #2024050723), which consists of the reconstruction of the Colgate Penstock Shutoff Valve and maintenance and repair of existing water conveyance facilities supplying the Penstock. Reconstruction of the currently non-operational Colgate Penstock Shutoff Valve so it may be used to reduce discharge in case of a penstock rupture, as mandated by FERC. Maintenance and repair work on various aspects of the conveyance system which brings water from the New Bullards Bar Reservoir to the Penstock, which will be accessible when the tunnel is dewatered.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yuba County Water Agency

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: Existing Facilities (Section 15301) and Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

DWR concurs with the justification for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA. The reconstruction of the Colgate Penstock Shutoff Valve and maintenance and repair of existing water conveyance facilities supplying the Penstock will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, expand upon existing uses, and is not barred by any exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jacob Vander Meulen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-443-7412

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: Michelle Jespersen Date: 2/5/2025 Title: Environmental Program Manager

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: _____