

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): Calif. Dept. of Water Resources
Northern Region Office
2440 Main St., Red Bluff, CA 96080

(Address)

Project Title: Statewide Monitoring Network Modernization Project: Crabtree and Wolverton Stations

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Crabtree Station: Near Crabtree Ranger Station (36.563683, -118.347946); Wolverton Station: Near Wolverton Trailhead (36.594470, -118.7333860)

Project Location - City: Sequoia National Park Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Both Wolverton and Crabtree hydrometeorological stations are equipped with aging technology and require sensor upgrades to meet the demands of forecasting in a shifting climate. The proposed project would add important sensors at both stations and replace the existing tower and add a precipitation gage at the Wolverton station to provide accurate snow pack and climatic data necessary to forecast snowmelt. The proposed folding tilt pole would also address potential safety concerns with ongoing maintenance associated with the Wolverton station.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California 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: Sect. 15301, 15302, 5304, and 15306 (see types below)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed activities would replace and upgrade existing outdated data collection equipment at two existing hydrometeorological stations (Sect. 15301. Existing Facilities, 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction, 15306. Information Collection). Minor temporary excavations would be necessary for the placement of the folding tile pole, precipitation gage, installation of soil probes, and trenching for conduit (15304. Minor Alterations of Land). The project is not anticipated to result in any significant impacts to the environment, including scenic resources, recreation, cultural resources, hazardous waste sites, sensitive habitats, or special-status plant or wildlife species.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Brian Humphrey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-317-8623

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: Brian Humphrey Date: 6/12/2024 Title: Sr. 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: _____