

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attention: James Noss
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

Project Title: Nelson Creek Hydropower Repair Project (Project)

Project Applicant: Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI)

Project Location – Specific: Nelson Creek hydropower facility is located on East Nelson Creek, approximately 3 miles northeast of the city of Big Bend, 16 miles northwest of Burney, and 24 miles southeast of Castella.

Project Location – Nearest City: Big Bend

Project Location – County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project will repair erosion that has occurred at the toe of East Fork Nelson Creek diversion dam and install rebar anchors and gabion structures underneath the toe of the diversion dam. Additionally, the Project includes backfilling the void behind the gabion structures with concrete. The Project will prevent future erosion of the diversion dam toe on East Fork Nelson Creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SPI

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: Class 1 Existing Facilities, Cal. Code Regs. tit. 23, § 15301; and Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, Cal. Code Regs. tit. 23, § 15304.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Project activities consist of maintenance and minor alterations of existing facilities which are used to provide electric power and restoration of deteriorated structures to meet current standards of public safety.

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

Contact Person: James Noss

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 327-3117

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: Rajad Mustafa Title: Acting Environmental Program Manager Date: 6/26/2024

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant