

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Calaveras
891 Mountain Ranch Rd, Bldg D

San Andreas, CA 95249

From: (Public Agency): _____
Northern California Power Agency

477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA 95247

(Address)

Project Title: Collierville Powerhouse Tailrace Landslide Repairs

Project Applicant: Northern California Power Agency - 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA 95247

Project Location - Specific:

Collierville Powerhouse Tailrace, accessed via Camp 9 Road in Vallecito.

Coordinates 38.144003N, 120.379693W.

Project Location - City: Murphys/Vallecito

Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

In January 2023, as a result of continued severe winter weather, two landslides occurred on the slopes of the tailrace channel. The slides resulted in an accumulation of material in the tailrace which is preventing the powerhouse from discharging at full capacity. NCPA will remove the debris to restore the channel capacity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Northern California Power Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Northern California Power 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: 15301(b) & 15301(d)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Work falls within Class 1 Categorical Exemption definition of repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities used to provide public utility services, which involves no expansion of use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Benjamin Guy

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-728-1387

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: Benjamin Guy

Digitally signed by Benjamin Guy
DN: cn=Benjamin Guy, o=Northern
California Power Agency,
ou=Hydroelectric Division,
email=benjamin.guy@ncpa.com, c=US
Date: 2024.06.27 14:45:49 -07'00'

Date: 6/27/2024

Title: Compliance Engineer

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: _____

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NOE1728

TO: County Clerk
County of Calaveras
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249

Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
P. O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95811-0444

FROM: Northern California Power Agency
477 Bret Harte Drive
Murphys, CA 95247

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CALAVERAS COUNTY
Madaline Krska, County Clerk
R. G. J. [Signature], Deputy

PROJECT TITLE: North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project at Upper Tuolumne
Hydroelectric Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Along the North Fork of the Stanislaus River and its tributaries in Alpine, Tuolumne, and Calaveras Counties and transmission lines in Calaveras and San Joaquin Counties.

PROJECT LOCATION: Spread out as mentioned above COUNTY: Alpine, Calaveras, San Joaquin, & Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Operation and maintenance of hydroelectric facilities, including minor modification of existing equipment and negligible expansion of facilities and energy generation capacity. NCPA proposes to implement the following activities in the next five years. Maps identifying the location and activities are located at NCPA's office located at 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, California.

1. Maintain turbine generating units, auxiliary systems, water retention and conveyance structures, and electrical transmission systems through routine cleaning, repairing, and replacing of defective equipment. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11
2. Trenching in existing project areas – approximately 2-3 times a year depending upon needs. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11.
3. Repairs to power and communication equipment, structures, and lines in conduit that may or may not be in a trench. 2-3 times a year depending upon needs. Class 1, 2, 3, 4.
4. Clean out drainage ditches and drain inlets by removing leaves and sediments using hand held equipment such as shovels, supported by light equipment such as a back-hoe. This needs to be done frequently in the winter following storms. Class 1, 4.
5. Repair drainage damage on slopes and roads caused from storms and use. This can occur frequently in the winter, 3-4 times during the season. Class 1, 2, 4, 11.
6. Stripe the existing roads and repair pot holes. Snow plow the roads. Maintenance grading of power line easements and roads to maintain access and clearance. 2-3 times a year Class 1, 2, 4, 11.
7. Weed mitigation and brush clearing using weed-wacker, spraying, and hand clearing of shrubs on existing right-of-ways. This usually occurs in the spring. Class 1, 3.
8. Tree and brush removal from existing camp sites, power line easements, and other public areas. 1 to 2 times a year. Class 1, 3, 4.
9. Clean pipelines and related equipment. 2-3 times a year. Class 1, 4, 9.
10. Debris removal and maintenance sluicing from reservoirs. Once a year. Class 1.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:
Northern California Power Agency
651 Commerce Dr.
Roseville, CA 95678

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:
Northern California Power Agency
477 Bret Harte Drive

EXEMPT STATUS: The above lists correlates the particular activity to the classes of categorical exemptions that apply to each activity; they are Categorical Exemptions Title 14 CCR Sections 15301(a), (b),(c), (d), (e), (h); 15302(c); 15303(d), (e); 15304(a), (c), (f), (i); 15309; and 15311.

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Work will be done to an existing, publicly owned Hydro facilities on the North Fork Stanislaus River to operate and maintain electric power generator and associated facilities. The project will not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment as a result of "unusual circumstances" or any of the exceptions listed in Title 14 CCR Section 15300.2.

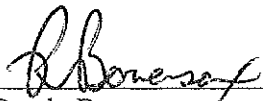
ACTIVITIES AND CLASS OF EXEMPTION

1. Maintain turbine generating units, water pipelines, and electrical transmission systems is categorically exempt under Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 3) installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.
2. Digging trenches. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 3) installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.
3. Repair power and communication lines. Class 1, 2, 3, 4. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 3) installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land.
4. Clean out drainage ditches and drain inlets. Class 1, 4. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land.
5. Repair drainage damage on slopes and roads. Class 1, 2, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; and (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.
6. Snow plow the roads and repair existing roads and easements. Class 1, 2, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 2), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land; and (Class 11) construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

7. Weed mitigation and brush clearing Class 1. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use.
8. Tree removal for public safety Class 1. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use.
9. Clean pipelines and related equipment. Class 1, 4. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; (Class 4) minor alterations in the condition of the land;
10. Removal of debris and accumulated sediment from reservoir. Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 11. This activity consists of (Class 1) the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The activity qualifies as a Class 1 Exemption as the dams and sluiceways are existing facilities and sluicing involves no expansion of use. Debris removal and sluicing activity is restoration of a previous condition and necessary for safe operation. The activities qualify as a Class 4 Exemption as maintenance sluicing is a minor alteration to land and water.

CONTACT PERSON: Randy Bowersox

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 209-728-1387

Signature: 

Date: 3/26/14

Title Randy Bowersox
 Manager Hydro Facilities, NCPA



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2014 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 09/13)

RECEIPT# **445635**

STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

LEAD AGENCY Northern California Power Agency			DATE
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Calaveras			DOCUMENT NUMBER NOE1728
PROJECT TITLE North Fork Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project & Upper Utica Hydroelectric Project			PHONE NUMBER ()
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME NCPA			ZIP CODE
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 4771 Bret Harte Drive	CITY Murphys	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95247
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> School District	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Special District	<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity			

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$3,029.75 \$
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,181.25 \$
- Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$
- Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs (CRP) \$1,030.25 \$
- County Administrative Fee \$50.00 \$
- Project that is exempt from fees
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
- CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Other \$

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$

SIGNATURE x Robn Calanme	TITLE Deputy
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WHITE - PROJECT APPLICANT

YELLOW - CDFW/ASB

PINK - LEAD AGENCY

GOLDEN ROD - COUNTY CLERK