

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

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

County of: Yuba

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**From: (Public Agency):** Yuba County Water Agency  
1220 F St  
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Daguerre Point Dam Nature-Like Fishway Phase 2 Site Investigations Program

Project Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Daguerre Point, latitude 39.206409, longitude 121.442861 on the south bank of the lower Yuba River; adjacent to Daguerre Point Dam, and approximately 12 miles northeast of Marysville, in Yuba County, California.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba Water) is investigating the feasibility of constructing a nature-like fishway (NLF) at Daguerre Point Dam to improve fish passage on the lower Yuba River while maintaining present water supply and hydraulic debris retention functions of the dam and impoundment. As part of this larger investigation, Yuba Water completed a site investigation program to provide surface and subsurface geological information for planning and preliminary design of the proposed NLF at DPD in December of 2023 (Phase 1). That work and additional considerations have created the need for additional subsurface geological data gathering (Phase 2; Proposed Project). The Proposed Project will include two field components: 1) creating access points through minor vegetation management and grading, and 2) boring and logging shallow boreholes. The sub-surface information gathered from this work will provide additional site-specific data to assist in determining the feasibility of the NLF.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yuba County Water Agency

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: Class 6 (Information Collection), Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of information collection that will assist in determining the feasibility of the NLF. The project would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts 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: Jacob Vander Meulen Date: 08-20-2024 Title: Environmental 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: \_\_\_\_\_