

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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State Clearinghouse Number: 2024090514

Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2024189 – Daguerre Point Dam Nature-Like Fishway Phase 2 Site Investigations Program

Project Applicant (if any): Yuba County Water Agency

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project site is located within the Yuba River Designated Floodway, an Adopted Plan of Flood Control, at 39.20641, -121.44286 in Yuba County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed work consists of 6 mud-rotary borings and 14 sonic borings to inform the feasibility of constructing the Daguerre Point Dam Nature-Like Fishway Project. The mud-rotary technique will be used in areas with residual native soil over bedrock and will include both drive sampling and rock coring. The sonic drilling technique will be used to penetrate and sample the gravels and cobbles that make up the existing dredge tailing mounds. Drilling mud and waste will be disposed of at an existing spoil disposal site outside of the Yuba River Designated Floodway. The borings will be backfilled with cement grout using the tremie method. Access routes will be established with minor grading and vegetation clearing.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Yuba County Water Agency

Exempt Status:

- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15306 (Information Collection) and 15304 (Minor Alterations)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306), because the activity consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.