

Notice of Exemption

To:

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County Clerk: Ventura County
800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

From:

California Department of Water Resources
Southern Region Office
770 Fairmont Ave, Suite 200
Glendale, CA 91203-1035

Project Title: Ventura River Stream Gage at Camino Cielo Bridge, Community of Ojala, CA

Project Applicant: State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Location – County: Ventura County

Project Location - Specific: The proposed site is adjacent to the triple cell concrete box culvert crossing in the community of Ojala, owned by the County of Ventura at the location with coordinates 34.482965 North, -119.296231 West (WGS 1984). The site is located on Ventura County jurisdiction within Section 28 of Township 5 North, Range 23 West of the Matilija USGS 7.5' quadrangle.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Southern Region Office proposes the installation of a stream gage on the Ventura River at the Camino Cielo Bridge crossing under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Program (SGMA). The primary objective of DWR's stream gaging effort under SGMA is to deploy a network of stream gages in high and medium priority basins to reduce data gaps in the existing stream gage network. The improved network would provide essential data needed to improve water management and to help protect fish and wildlife. The proposed station will monitor water levels and flow in Ventura River and collect data for analysis of groundwater recharge and flooding in the basin.

The gaging station will consist of monitoring equipment housed in a 30in. x 30in. x 10in. steel NEMA box on the bank of the channel. The box will be mounted on the north bank on two 2-in. diameter galvanized iron pipes, with each pipe embedded in a hole approximately 8 inches in diameter by 2 feet deep, filled with concrete. Each hole will be dug using handheld tools, and no heavy machinery will be used on site. Installation is expected to take 1-2 days. A satellite and GPS antenna, and solar panels are attached to the NEMA box, and a bubbler conduit will run from the NEMA box to the channel.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: State of California Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemptions: Information Collection, Class 6, 15306, Title 14 CCR.

Reason why project is exempt: The proposed Project is categorically exempt under Class 6, Section 15306 because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in

a significant impact to an environmental resource. A site survey was conducted, and no impacts are anticipated for any environmental resources, including biological/special-status species, cultural, air quality, or visual resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Nicholas Burgos

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving this project? Yes No

Signature: Thang Nguyen **Date:** 11/1/2024 **Title:** Southern Region Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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.