

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 2409, Upper Utica Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 11563, and the Transmission Line FERC Project No. 11197.

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

Project Location - Specific:

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

Project Location - City: Murphys Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Operation and maintenance of hydroelectric projects, including minor modification of existing equipment and negligible expansion of facilities and energy generation capacity. NCPA proposes to implement the following activities for the remainder of the current FERC licenses (No. 2409, No. 11563, and No. 11197) and for any renewal terms thereof. Maps identifying the location and activities are located at NCPA's Hydroelectric office, 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA.

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)); 15301(a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h) (i), (m); 15302(c); 15303(d), (e); 15304(a), (c), (f), (g), (i); 15309; and 15311.
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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 generation, transmission 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.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jake Eymann Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 728-1387 ext. 3322

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? X Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: 11/7/2024 Title: Hydroelectric Manager

X 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: _____