

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Placer County Water Agency
P.O. Box 6570
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(Public Agency and Address)

County Clerk, County of: Placer

Project Title: Long-Term Contract No. 24-WC-20-6193 with United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

Project Location - Specific: Within the boundaries of the Middle Fork Project water place of use, municipal intake at Folsom Dam and Reservoir, and Folsom South Canal.

Project Location - County: Placer and Sacramento

Description of Project: Approval to enter into contract with the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation for a long-term Warren Act Contract to store and convey Non-Project water in Folsom Reservoir and the Folsom South Canal.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Water Agency

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b) (3));
- 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 1, Section 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the project activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Reclamation issued an Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act for the Long-Term Warren Act Contract on October 24, 2024, and the public comment period closed on November 24, 2024. PCWA assisted with the assessment and based on a review of the information gathered, has determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The Project is exempt under Class 1, Section 15301 because it constitutes a continued use of existing facilities, with no expansion of use and is undertaken pursuant to the terms of PCWA's existing water rights. The Contract is a water management operation using only existing facilities and existing water supplies and will not support new development or change in land use. The Contract does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

Lead Agency: Darin Reintjes, Director of Resource Management Area Code/ Telephone/Extension: 530-823-4850

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: Heather Trejo Date: 12/4/24 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant