

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

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**From:** (Public Agency): CA Department of Water Resources  
715 P Street, 4th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Castaic Dam Tower Debris Mitigation Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

**Castaic Lake**

Project Location - City: Castaic Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project makes modifications to the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower and penstock area to ensure operational functionality in the event of a seismic event. The project would involve installation of a gate dogging mechanism at the existing high intake tower and a trashrack system at the penstock area. During installation of the trashrack system, a bypass system would be used to continue water deliveries.

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Castaic Dam Tower Debris Mitigation Project qualifies as exempt per Section 15269(b) for emergency repairs necessary to maintain services essential to public health, safety or welfare. The project will mitigate the complete loss of water deliveries from Castaic Dam to Southern California in the event of a 1,000-year seismic event. The project will maintain the Castaic Dam outlet works operable for continued water deliveries in the event of such an earthquake by installing a dogging mechanism and trashrack to prevent debris from blocking and damaging the outlet works.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Gina Radieva Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-882-2051

**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: David Sarkisian Date: 12/19/2024 Title: Principal Engineer, WR

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_