

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
 County of: Yolo

From: (Public Agency): _____
 California Department of Water Resources

 3500 Industrial Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691

(Address)

Project Title: Yolo Bypass Surface Water Monitoring Stations (SWMS)

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Please see bottom of page for specific project location coordinates.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Yolo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR's Surface Water Monitoring Stations (SWMS) project proposes to temporarily install three (3) surface water elevation monitoring stations within the Yolo Bypass at multiple locations within Tule Canal and the Elkhorn Basin. These stations will help to monitor in-stream water elevations during operations of DWR facilities within the Yolo Bypass.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Matthew Buckman

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: 15306, Class 6 - Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 6 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. DWR's SWMS project will be used for informational gathering purposes to help inform operations and adaptive management decisions for existing and upcoming DWR projects and facilities within the Yolo Bypass. Stations will be temporarily fixed to existing facilities and no trenching is proposed. This project is not anticipated to result in impacts to sensitive species or resources.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: LeAnne Sweeny Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (279) 228-9012

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: Catherine McAlvin Date: 12/30/2024 Title: Branch Manager: SWP EIB

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Project Locations: [38.7394083, -121.6343528]; [38.57325, -121.5829306]; [38.58845, -121.5859222]; [38.7308222, -121.6327889]; [38.750075, -121.6354778]