

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. Water Resources
3320 El Camino Avenue, Suite 200
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County Clerk
 County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Statewide Monitoring Network Modernization - Beach Meadows and Quaking Aspen Stations

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Location - Specific:

Sequoia National Forest; Beach Meadows Station: 36.126095, -118.293457; Quaking Aspen Station: 36.117508, -118.539994

Project Location - City: nearest city: Ponderosa Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR proposes to install soil sensor probes at the existing Beach Meadows and Quaking Aspen hydrometeorological stations. Temporary excavation of a 3ft x 3ft x 3ft pit and a shallow conduit trench would be required. Data gathered would be used for agency decision-making and would be made publicly available through the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) website.

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: 15301, 15304, 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Temporary excavation of a 3'x3'x3' soil pit and a shallow trench that would be backfilled upon completion of soil sensor probe installation qualifies for categorical exemptions 15301 (existing facilities), 15304 (minor alterations of land), and 15306 (information collection) because proposed activities would involve negligible expansion of existing use, would not have a significant effect on the environment, and would result in only temporary, minor ground disturbance.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Amy Lyons Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-949-9209

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: *Amy Lyons* Date: 1/10/2025 Title: Sr. Environ. Scientist - Supervisor

■ 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: _____