

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: Butte

From: (Public Agency): Vina GSA
308 Nelson Ave
Oroville, CA 95965
(Address)

Project Title: CalSIP Stream Gage Enhancements

Project Applicant: Vina GSA

Project Location - Specific:
see attachment A

Project Location - City: Chico Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Vina GSA is proposing to install 7 stream gages. This project supports Sustainable Groundwater Management in the Vina Subbasin through enhancing our knowledge and filling data gaps.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Vina GSA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Vina GSA

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 Information Collection
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The installation of stream gages will be used specifically to gather data, monitor, and assess resource activities. Proposed activities are not anticipated to impact any environmental resources, including scenic resources, cultural resources or special status plants or wildlife species. The project will not result in any significant impact to the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Dillon McGregor Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-552-3589

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: Dillon McGregor Date: 5/8/25 Title: Vina GSA Program Manager

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.



Attachment A  
Project Locations – Specific

Site ID	Description	Latitude	Longitude
CS1	Pine Cr nr Cana Pine Cr Rd	39.86794	-121.99426
CS2	Pine Cr nr Hwy 32	39.7519	-121.9704
CS3	Rock Creek nr Rock Cr Rd	39.8437	-121.83608
CS4	Mud-Rock Cr nr Confluence with Big Chico Cr	39.7169	-121.9369
CS5	Comanche Cr nr Honey Run Rd	39.7084	-121.7735
CS6	Hamlin Slough nr Oro Chico Hwy	39.65337	-121.74071
CS7	Dry Cr nr Nelson Rd	39.58141	-121.69934

Stream gaging sites:

**Site CS1 – Pine Creek near Cana Pine Creek Road:**

A stream gage is proposed for installation along the bank of Pine Creek near the Cana Pine Creek Road bridge crossing. The gage will provide continuous monitoring of streamflow and water levels to support hydrologic assessments and watershed management. Installation will be completed by hand using minimally invasive methods to avoid disturbance to the streambed and adjacent streambank. No impacts to existing streambed conditions or native streambank vegetation are anticipated.

**Site CS2 – Pine Creek near Highway 32:**

A stream gage is proposed for installation along the bank of Pine Creek near the Highway 32 crossing. The gage will provide continuous monitoring of streamflow and water levels to support hydrologic assessments and resource management. Installation will be conducted manually using low-impact techniques that avoid disturbance to the streambed and streambank. The project will not alter existing site conditions or impact native vegetation.

**Site CS3 – Rock Creek near Rock Creek Road:**

A stream gage is proposed for installation along the bank of Rock Creek near the Rock Creek Road crossing. The gage will provide continuous monitoring of streamflow and water levels to support watershed and resource management. Installation will be performed by hand using minimally disruptive techniques to prevent disturbance to the streambed and surrounding streambank. No impacts to existing stream conditions or native vegetation are expected.

**Site CS4 – Mud Creek near Confluence with Big Chico Creek:**

A stream gage is proposed for installation along the bank of Mud Creek near its confluence with Big Chico Creek. The gage will provide continuous streamflow and water level data to support hydrologic assessments and watershed monitoring. Installation will be conducted manually

using low-impact methods to avoid disturbing the streambed and adjacent streambank. The project will not affect existing channel conditions or native vegetation.

**Site CS5 – Comanche Creek near Honey Run Road:**

A stream gage is proposed for installation along the bank of Comanche Creek near the Honey Run Road crossing. The gage will monitor streamflow and water levels to inform water resource planning and management. Installation will be carried out by hand using minimally invasive techniques, ensuring no disturbance to the streambed or streambank. Native vegetation and existing site conditions will remain unaffected.

**Site CS6 – Hamlin Slough near Oro Chico Highway:**

A stream gage is proposed for installation along the bank of Hamlin Slough near the Oro Chico Highway crossing. The gage will support watershed monitoring through continuous measurement of streamflow and water levels. Installation will be completed manually using low-impact tools and methods to avoid disturbing the streambed or adjacent bank. No impacts to existing channel conditions or native vegetation are anticipated.

**Site CS7 – Dry Creek near Nelson Road:**

A stream gage is proposed for installation along the bank of Dry Creek near Nelson Road. The gage will collect streamflow and water level data to support hydrologic monitoring and planning efforts. Installation will be performed manually using methods that minimize ground disturbance and protect the integrity of the streambed and streambank. Native vegetation will remain undisturbed.



# Proposed Stream Gage Locations

