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**Notice of Exemption**

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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From: Dept. of Water Resources  
460 Glen Drive  
Oroville, CA 95966

**Lead Agency:** California Department of Water Resources

**Project Title:** Bidwell Saddle Dam Weir Installation

**Project Location City & County:** Oroville, Butte County

**Project Location – Specific:** Toe of the Bidwell Canyon Saddle Dam at Lake Oroville.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to install a toe-weir and re-grade a section of the toe-road at the Bidwell Canyon Saddle Dam. The project will require excavation for the installation of the concrete headwall with the weir plate, vegetation removal for weir footprint, and re-grading of the toe road for drainage away from the seepage path. This will allow surveillance crews to record seepage measurements from Miners Ranch Canal into the Oroville Reservoir. It is necessary to survey these seepage patterns so DWR can take steps to mitigate any potential future dam safety issues or piping in the embankment.

**Exempt/Suspend Status:**

- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: Class 11 and Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** The project includes adding a minor structure associated with the existing Bidwell Saddle Dam and performing road maintenance. This project does not include the removal of any trees or woody vegetation, and does not impact any sensitive resources.

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

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