

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
PO Box 942836, 1416 9th St
Sacramento, CA 94236

County Clerk
County of: Butte

(Address)

Project Title: Oroville Dam Complex Piezometer Installations

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Oroville Dam - Canyon Dr. and Oroville Dam Blvd., Oroville, CA

Project Location - City: Oroville Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A total of 17 piezometers are scheduled to be installed throughout the Oroville Dam Complex in order to continuously monitor and measure pore pressures and groundwater within various areas of the Dam. These piezometers will enhance structural analyses and modeling capabilities to better inform future improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6 (15306)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves basic data collection for a resource evaluation. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat, cultural resources, or any other resource areas. As such, the Categorical Exemption Class 6 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jason Duda Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-716-6076

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 [X] No

Signature: Jason Duda Date: 11/20/2019 Title: Senior Environ. Scientist

[] Signed by Lead Agency [X] Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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