

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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**From (Public Agency):**  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
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**Project Title:** Caples Spillway Channel Stabilization Project

**Project Applicant:** El Dorado Irrigation District

**Project Location - Specific:** Caples Lake near Kirkwood, CA

**Project Location - City:** Not Applicable      **Project Location – County:** Alpine and El Dorado

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Project implements the Caples Spillway Channel Stabilization Plan, which was developed as a result of the 2008 Sensitive Site Investigation/Geomorphology Plan and prepared in consultation with the United States Forest Service, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, State Water Resources Control Board staff, and members of the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project Environmental Resource Committee (ERC). The Caples Spillway Channel Stabilization Plan includes measures to protect the spillway channel streambanks from erosion that could occur during flows of up to 60 cubic feet per second (cfs).

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** State Water Resources Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** El Dorado Irrigation District

**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: Class 33, §15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Class 33 exemption applies because the Project is small habitat restoration project that is less than five acres in size, which involves stream bank stabilization to reduce erosion. Informal consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service concluded the project is not likely to adversely affect the Yosemite toad, Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, or critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog.

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