## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

Office of Planning and Research

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Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 From:

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

**Project Title:** Bouquet Creek Routine Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0193-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the outlet of Bouquet Reservoir, along Bouquet Creek in Los Angeles County, California. USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map Green Valley, Township 6N, Range 14W, Section 29; Starting Latitude 34.575877, Starting Longitude -118.388032; Ending Latitude 34.573305, Ending Longitude -118.388858.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0193-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as represented by Charles Holloway. The project consists of conducting Routine Maintenance (Maintenance) from the bank of Bouquet Creek by removing sediment, debris, and emergent vegetation along with trimming back overgrown vegetation that has resulted in restricted water and backflows. This significant water restriction has caused the water to back into the dam outlet area where Permittee personnel inspect the amount of seepage and presence of sand and/or soil coming out of Bouquet Reservoir (Reservoir). This information is critical in evaluating the structural integrity of Bouquet Dam to protect the safety of residents immediately downstream of Reservoir.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project**: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as represented by Charles Holloway.

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☐ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)(h)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing. The project consists of conducting Routine Maintenance (Maintenance) from the bank of Bouquet Creek by removing sediment, debris, and emergent vegetation along with trimming back overgrown vegetation that has resulted in restricted water and backflows into the dam outlet area where Permittee personnel inspect the amount of seepage and presence of sand and/or soil coming out of the Bouquet Reservoir.

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