

Notice of Exemption

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Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
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Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: Feather River Raw Water Line: 2019 Outage Repair Work: Stations 23+58 and 28+39

Project Location City & County: Oroville, Butte County

Project Location – Specific: Upstream of the Feather River Fish Hatchery along the raw water line.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Oroville Field Division (OFD) proposes to conduct maintenance to improve the efficiency of and decrease the sediment buildup within the raw water line leading from Thermalito Diversion Dam to Feather River Fish Hatchery in the city of Oroville, CA. Hand and equipment crews are expected to enter onto the alignment at Stations 23+58 and 28+39 (see Figure 1 for station and staging area locations). Equipment staging at all three stations will be kept within previously disturbed areas. The specific scope of work at each site is as follows:

Station 23+58: Vegetation near the manhole and access road will be cleared and grubbed, as well as the hillside at the PVC extension line for a width of 15 feet on each side of the PVC. The embankment material covering the manhole will be removed and stored for re-use, and the resulting trench will be shored for worker safety (the trench will measure 50 feet long by five feet in width by 13 feet deep). The water line will then be inspected to discover any leaks and their causes, and pipes, valves and fittings will be repaired as necessary. The PVC extension line will then be removed. A full-open exercise of the drain valve will then be performed until the drain is clear of debris and/or sediment before closing the valve completely. Replaced material will be compacted to 95% and the access road will be graded and covered with a four-inch thick layer of Class 2 aggregate base.

Station 28+39: Vegetation will be cleared in a five-foot radius surrounding the outfall structure, followed by earth and sediment until the entire structure is exposed. A four-foot wide by twenty-foot long by four-foot-deep downstream ditch will be dug from the edge of the outfall toward the tailrace. Uniformly-graded 12" minus rip-rap material will be placed in the ditch beginning at the end of the outfall structure to a height of three feet and a width of four feet. The material is to be tapered down the length to the existing grade. Maintenance work will then begin, with a full-open exercise of the drain valve until the line is clear of debris and/or sediment before the valve is closed completely.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

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- 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 1: Existing Facilities, and Class 4 Minor Alteration to Land
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Project is maintenance of 2 existing water line drains. Station 28+39 will have a small alteration to the drainage area that will now include a 20 foot rocked ditch to prevent erosion and decrease sediment into the Thermalito Diverion Pool.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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