NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: X Office of Planning and Research
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Tehama County
633 Washington Street – Room 11
Red Bluff, CA 96080

FROM: Tehama County-FCWCD
1509 Schwab Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Project Title:
California Stream Gage Improvement Program

Project Location - Specific: The project sites are located throughout the Tehama County. The stream gage locations are mainly in the County Rights of Way and are adjacent to the properties with coordinates listed below:
COTTONWOOD CREEK AT EVERGREEN RD NEAR COTTONWOOD. Coordinates: Latitude 40.362375 Longitude -122.339448. RED BANK C A RAWSON RD BR NR, RED BLUFF CA. Coordinates: Latitude 40.13926915, Longitude -122.2404458.MILL C NR MINERAL CA. Coordinates: Latitude 40.3601502, Longitude -121.50669839.REEDS CREEK AT WILDER ROAD NEAR RED BLUFF Coordinates: Latitude 40.3601502, Longitude -121.50669839.

Project Location –
City: unincorporated

Project Location – County
Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The County is proposing to install or upgrade 4 stream gage units to record streamflow data throughout Tehama County. The CalSIP project aims to expand and modernize the county's surface water monitoring network to support improved flood management, water reliability, and ecosystem protection. CalSIP is a statewide DWR grant program designed to help public agencies upgrade, reactivate, or install new stream gaging stations that monitor real time hydrologic conditions and contribute data to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC). The program strengthens water management capabilities by filling critical data gaps in natural waterways. Within Tehama County, this project supports the District's long term water management responsibilities by enhancing the accuracy and availability of streamflow data essential for (1) Flood forecasting and emergency response, (2) Groundwater–surface water interaction tracking, (3) Water supply planning, and (4) Environmental stewardship and regulatory compliance. The Project sites, consisting of mounting radar sensors to existing bridges, will have non-siginficant impact to local movement patterns of terrestrial wildlife species. Temporary effects due to noise and increased human activity during Project activities should not interfere with these local movement patterns over time or affect the ability of these species to forage or reproduce. No removal of vegetation and no earth disturbance is proposed. Additionally, various Best Management Practices are proposed to be implemented to reduce any impacts

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:
Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

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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 4, Section 15304 and/or Class 2, Section 15302 and/or Class 6, Section 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why the project is exempt:
The installation activities consist of non-significant impacts to the condition of the land. And the construction activities occurring at existing facilities consist of non-significant impacts to those facilities maintaining the same purpose, function and capacity in the existing water systems.

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Signed by Lead Agency

Date: 5/7/26

Date received for filing at OPR: