# Notice of Exemption

**Appendix E**

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**From (Public Agency):**
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attention: Mr. Jeffrey Parks
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

**Project Title:** Bowman Low Level Outlet Phase 2 Repair Project (Project)

**Project Applicant:** Nevada Irrigation District (NID)

**Project Location - Specific:** The Project is located in Nevada County on Canyon Creek, approximately 10.7 miles upstream of the confluence with the South Yuba River. Access to the Project area is provided via Bowman Lake Road, approximately 13 miles north of Highway 20.

**Project Location - City:** Unincorporated **Project Location – County:** Nevada

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** On January 26, 2013, a surge event in the low level outlet at the Bowman North Dam caused a significant leak in the 1920s era outlet piping and valves. In 2013, NID performed the Phase 1 repairs on the low level outlet, which included removing and replacing the off stream portions of the piping and valves. Phase 2 repairs include the installation of a new 66-inch butterfly valve and a new 48-inch Howell-Bunger Valve, with associated piping. The valve structure will be approximately 50 feet by 20 feet and will be installed on the bank of Canyon Creek adjacent to where the old outlet valves were removed in Phase 1. Phase 2 is proposed to be constructed in June 2015, during an outage period of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's associated Drum Spaulding Hydroelectric Project. Performance of the work during the outage period will eliminate water leakage through the existing powerhouse and allow Phase 2 to be constructed with minimal flows in Canyon Creek. The new concrete foundation, which will support the valves and piping, will be poured within an area isolated from Canyon Creek, minimizing any potential impacts to water quality.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** NID

**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 1 (§15301) and Class 2 (§15302)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) and Class 2 Categorical Exemption (Replacement or Reconstruction) apply to the Project. The Bowman North Dam and its low level outlet structure is an existing facility used for electrical production with no change in use proposed, and the Project consists solely of the reconstruction and replacement of aged infrastructure in the existing facility.

**Lead Agency**
**Contact Person:** Jeffrey Parks **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 341-5319

Signature: [signature] Date: 5/19/15 Title: **Executive Director**

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:_____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.