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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
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Project Title: Narrows 2 Isolation Pool Restoration Project (Project)
Project Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency (Applicant)
Project Location - Specific: The Project is located approximately 540 feet downstream of Englebright Dam, on the Yuba River.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Yuba and Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will mechanically grade a gravel bar located adjacent to the Narrows 2 Powerhouse in order to prevent the formation of an isolation pool that has the potential to strand federally threatened spring-run Chinook salmon and central valley steelhead.

YCWA plans to use a helicopter to transport 2 mini-excavators, and place them on top of the gravel bar. YCWA staff will use a small boat to access the Project site. The downstream end of the gravel bar will be graded to prevent the formation of an isolation pool. An area approximately 3,200 square ft. will be graded. Material from the gravel bar will be used to fill the deepest part of the isolation pool, reducing the isolation pool's potential to strand anadromous fish.

Approximately 9,600 cubic ft. of gravel will be moved to reshape the gravel bar and remove the isolation pool. No outside gravel or fill material will be placed in the channel and no material will be removed from the channel. The Project is estimated to take two to four days to complete and will occur when the Project area is dry and expected to remain dry for the duration of Project work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: James Petaluma Property LLC
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));
[X] 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 will not exceed five acres in size and will provide maintenance of habitat for fish. The Project will pose no significant adverse impacts to listed species or their habitat, there are no known hazardous materials at the site that may be disturbed or removed. The Project will not cause cumulatively significant impacts. Additionally, there is no indication that the Project may cause significant impacts to the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Contact Person: Parker Thaler Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 341-5321

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Title: Executive Director
Date received for filing at OPR: [Handwritten Date]

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