

**Notice of Exemption**  
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County of Alpine  
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From: El Dorado Irrigation District  
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**DATE: 02/11/2019**  
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**Project Title:** Caples Spillway Channel Stabilization

**Project Location - Specific:** USGS 7.5' Caples Lake Quadrangle- Township 10N, Range 17E, Section 15 & 22

**Project Location - City:** Kirkwood

**Project Location - County:** El Dorado County & Alpine County

**Description of Project:** The El Dorado Irrigation District (District) proposes to implement the Caples Spillway Stabilization Project (Project), which is a requirement of the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project (Project 184) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license. The Project objectives include stabilizing the Caples Lake auxiliary spillway channel to accommodate up to 60 cubic feet per second (cfs) flows by utilizing methods that incorporate biotechnical stabilization measures, minimize site disturbance, and maintain the natural character of the area. The Project stabilization measures include a combination of vegetative and biotechnical treatments that will limit imported materials and primarily utilize on-site native resources installed by hand without the use of mechanical equipment. The Project stabilization treatments will address two key sections (upper and lower erosion sites) along a half-mile length of the spillway channel that have experienced bank erosion over many years of Project 184 operations. Stabilization treatments proposed for the lower erosion site include installations of live willow stakes with coir logs, live willow stakes/pole plantings, and willow fascines. The proposed treatments for the upper erosion site include log and rock toe revetments in addition to the vegetative methods listed above for the lower erosion site. The vegetative treatments are proposed to be supplied by harvesting live willow cuttings collected from along Caples Creek, including in the vicinity of Caples Meadow, or Kirkwood Creek, located downstream of the spillway channel. The Project plans to import 6 cubic yards (yd3) of cobble and 13.5 yd3 of boulder in conjunction with existing downed logs to construct the toe revetments. Materials will either be delivered to the site using helicopter and/or by foot access from the Lake Margaret trail. Staging of the construction materials will occur at the Lake Margaret trailhead parking area, the Caples Lake auxiliary dam public parking area, or other areas located along Highway 88 in proximity to the Project site. Project work activities will be conducted by crews equipped with hand tools and no mechanized vehicles will be used on-site to minimize the disturbance to the surrounding area. Work activities are scheduled for the summer/fall of 2019 or the spring/early summer of 2020 depending on weather conditions.

**Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project:** El Dorado Irrigation District

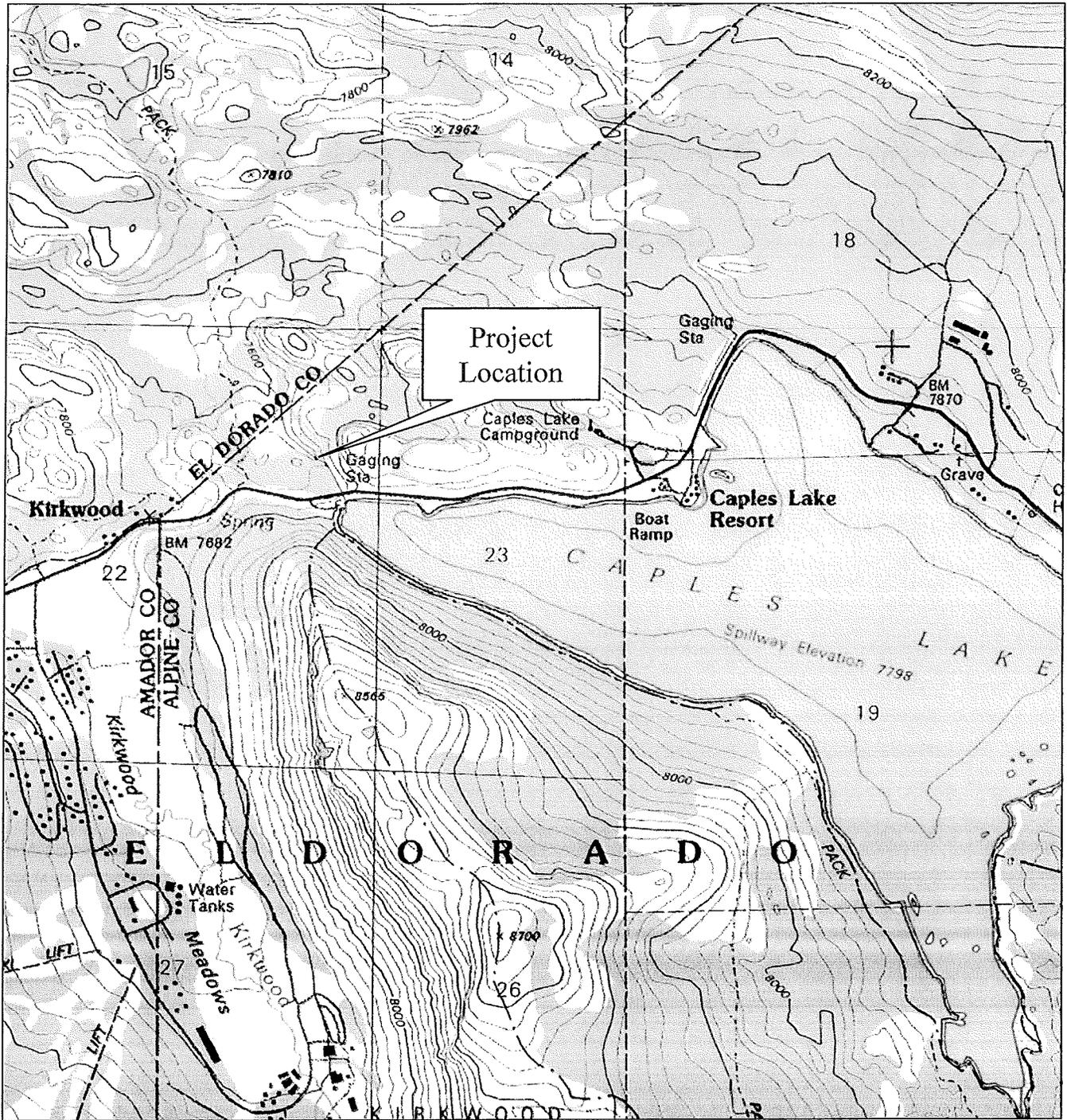
**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Categorical Exemption. Class 33 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 15333)
- Statutory Exemption – Declared Emergency (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 15269(a);
- Statutory Exemption - Emergency Project (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 15269(b)(c);
- Statutory Exemption - Ministerial (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 15268);
- Statutory Exemption – Other Statutory Exemption (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15282(k))
- Other Exemption - [Title] (CCR, Title 14, Sec)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This Project consists of streambank stabilization with native vegetation or other bioengineering techniques with the primary purpose of improving aquatic habitat and water quality by reducing or eliminating unfavorable erosion and sedimentation conditions. None of the applicable exceptions to this exemption, as identified under CCR, Title 14 section 15300.2, apply to this project, including an area of critical concern, cumulative impact, significant effect due to unusual circumstances, scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, and historical resources.

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**Signature:** *Doug Venable* **Date:** 2/1/2019  
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**Title:** Environmental Review Analyst  Signed by Lead Agency



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