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Notice of Exemption

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To: County Clerk
County of Alpine
99 Water St.
Markleeville, CA 96120

From: El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road
Placerville, CA 95667
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Project Title: Caples Lake Campground Well Drilling Project

Project Location - Specific: Caples Quadrangle Township 10N, Ranges 18E, Sections 18 and 23

Project Location - City: Kirkwood

Project Location - County: El Dorado County

Description of Project: The El Dorado Irrigation District (District) proposes to conduct test drilling within the Caples Lake campground to determine if a new ground water well can be established to replace the existing source and provide water service to the Caples Lake campground. The District plans to drill test wells at up to three locations within the campground. The test wells will be drilled utilizing a drill rig and support equipment including but not limited to a water truck, semi flatbed truck, generator, and service trucks. The test wells may take up to two weeks to complete dependent upon the rock that is encountered during the drilling activities. All cuttings and waste products from drilling operations will be collected and hauled off site and disposed of appropriately. If a test well does not meet production requirements, the boring will be abandoned and sealed with a cement/bentonite grout per Alpine County Standards. If a test well is found to have sufficient production capabilities, the well will be fully developed in accordance with Alpine County standards. This includes the installation of a minimum of 6" well casing to be installed up to 450 feet in depth. The drill rig will auger out the test well and install the well casing with screens. The annular around the casing will be filled with gravel pack and an appropriate cement and bentonite seal will be installed to prevent water intrusion. To complete this portion of the work there will be at least one truck delivering gravel and at least one concrete truck onsite. Appropriate containment and washout practices will be employed to prevent spill of cement materials. The well will then be tested and developed for four hours at the rate of production of no less than two gallons per minute. The Contractor will obtain a Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Low Threat Discharge Permit for disposal of water from drilling activities and drawdown testing. The final portion of the work involves installation of the holding tank, pump, and solar panel. Access and staging locations for the Project would utilize existing campground roads, road turnouts, and parking spurs. Most every selected site for well drilling is open and easily accessible and only minor debris and vegetation removal and overhead trimming is required to provide access for a drill rig. The campground host has agreed to shut down the back section of the campground during well drilling activities. The Project is anticipated to take approximately two to four weeks to complete. Work would be completed during normal working hours of 8 am to 5 pm.

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

Exempt Status: (check one)

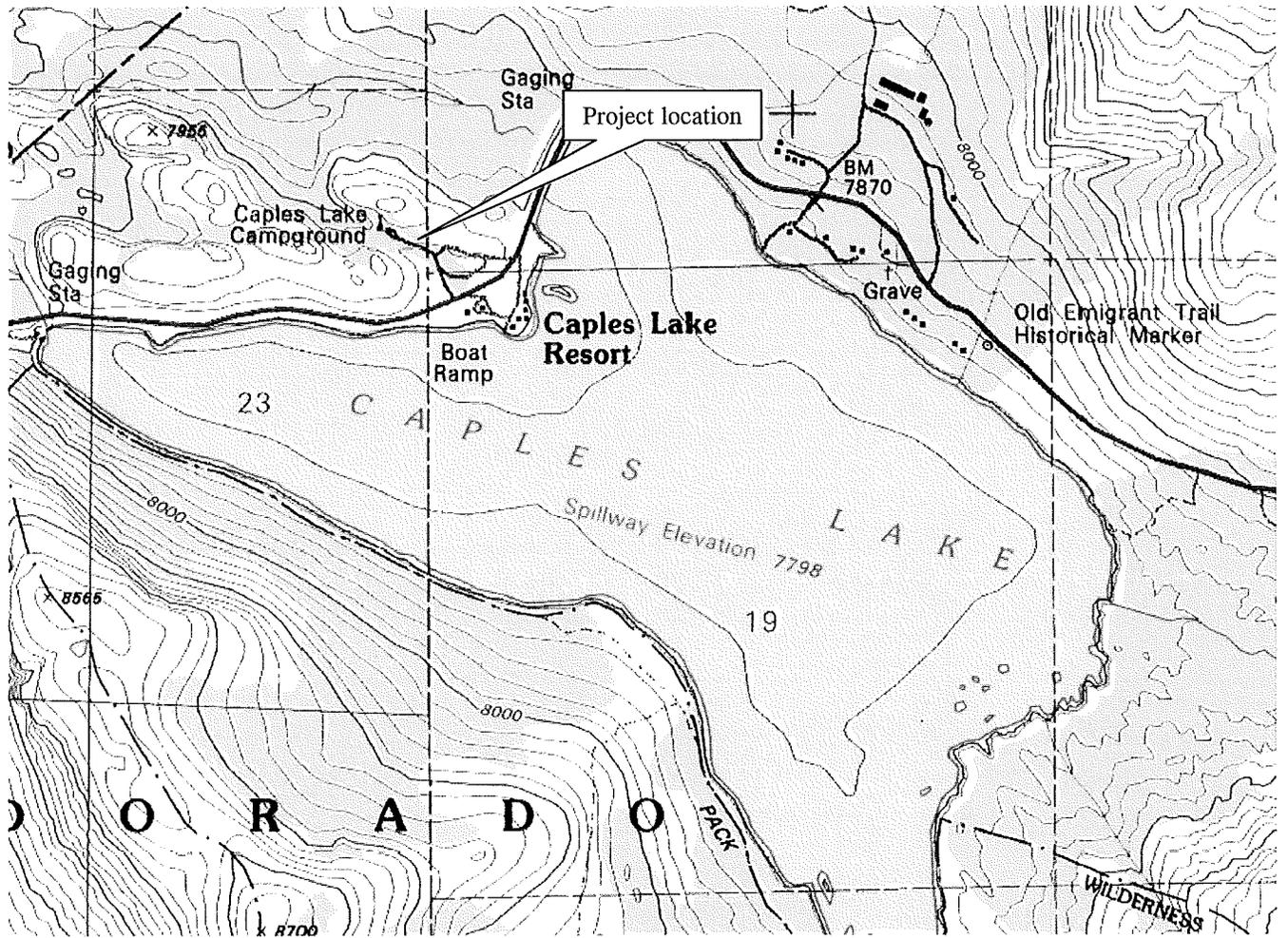
- Categorical Exemption – Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) CCR, Article 19, Sec. 15303

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves installation of a new well. The Project does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Additionally, none of the applicable exceptions to this exemption, as identified under CCR, Article 19 section 15300.2, are valid for this project, including significant effect due to unusual circumstances, scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, cumulative impact, and historical resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Deason **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (530) 642-4064

Signature: *[Signature]*
Name: Brian Deason
Title: Hydroelectric Compliance Manager

Date: 6/26/17
 Signed by Lead Agency



Caples Lake Quadrangle Township 10N, Ranges 18E, Sections 18 and 23