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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Cow Creek Pump and Diversion Maintenance (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SHA-59112-R1)

Project Location (Shasta): The project is located at Cow Creek, tributary to the Sacramento River in Shasta County; Latitude 40.50709, Longitude -122.2288; or Section 29, Township 31, Range 3W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Palo Cedro, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; Assessor’s Parcel Number 058-130-027-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SHA-59112-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Devil Mountain Trust, represented by Larry Forero

The project is limited to diversion of water pursuant to a valid water right and excavating approximately 10 cubic yards (+/- 5 yards) of gravel, silt, and cobble to deepen and widen the side channel that supplies the agricultural pump. Additionally, a gravel push up dam may be installed in certain low-water years. If installed, the dam will be seasonally installed across the channel using on-site gravels.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
Larry Forero

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304**

15304: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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Reasons why project is exempt: The project proposes to divert water pursuant to a valid water right and redistribute gravel and cobble to deepen and widen the side channel that supplies the agricultural diversion. There will be no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees as a result of this project. The Project will have no significant effect on the environment.

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