

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



Project Title: Sycamore Pool Operation Cleaning and Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-60126-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Big Chico Creek, within the One-Mile Recreation Area portion of Bidwell Park, in the City of Chico, in the County of Butte, State of California. The project is located at the Sycamore Pool, an artificial pool within Big Chico Creek. The approximate center of Sycamore Pool is located at Latitude 39.735685, Longitude - 121.829769 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number BUT-60126-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, City of Chico.

The project involves operation of Sycamore Pool, an artificial pond operated as a recreational swimming pool by the City of Chico. The pool is filled by Big Chico Creek through operation of a bladder dam. The project also includes operation of three ancillary facilities: a fish ladder, a bypass structure, and a temporary flashboard dam. The project also involves cleaning and maintenance of the facilities.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: City of Chico
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The project falls within the definition of Class 1 because it consists of the operation and maintenance of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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