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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**Project Title:** Bella Vista Water District Oak Knolls Water Main Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SHA-58956-R1I)

**Project Location (Shasta):** The Project is located at an unnamed tributary to Yank Creek in Bella Vista, approximately 10 miles northeast of Redding on Oak Knolls Drive.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SHA-58956-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Bella Vista Water District as represented by David Coxey.

The Project is limited to the replacement of approximately 1,400 feet of underground eight-inch water main. Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) would be used to install the water main underneath an unnamed intermittent stream, tributary to Yank Creek. The HDD area would extend approximately 100 feet. The water main underneath the intermittent stream would have a minimum of 60 inches of ground cover.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections:

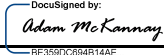
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15302 – Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

15304 – Class 4 consists of 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 or agricultural purposes.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project proposes to replace an existing water main. 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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