



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 25 July 2025

Project Title:

McKenzie Meadows Restoration Project Phase 1
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Nearest City: Westwood
Latitude: 40.34772° and Longitude: -120.91011°

Project Location - County:

Lassen County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project proposes restoring meadow floodplain function and water table elevation within the 212-acre area of McKenzie Meadows. Restoration activities will include partial channel fill, rock riffles, sod riffles, and removal of several sections of old railroad grade/berm that are negatively impacting water flow through the meadow.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 27.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office.
WDID No. 5A18CR00035.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Steve DeBonis
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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is statutorily exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code, section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects).

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Statutorily Exempt under California Public Resources Code, section 21080.56 because the Project is exclusively a project to restore and enhance habitat for California native fish and wildlife. Concurrence was issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on 23 May 2025.

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