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Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
CEQA Submit

From:

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

Project Title: Salmon and Packer Creek Aspen Restoration (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SIE-58788-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Salmon and Packer Creeks, in the County of Sierra, State of California; Latitude 39.63268, Longitude -120.63751 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); Assessor's Parcel Number 008-090-035-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number SIE-58788-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, South Yuba River Citizens League.

The project is limited to the placement and maintenance of 15 Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) within the Salmon Creek Meadow system, as part of the larger North Yuba Landscape Resilience Project. The project also includes selective conifer and alder fuel reduction across 190 acres.

Public Agency Approving Project: **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:

South Yuba River Citizens League
Marie Anne Holt
313 Railroad Avenue, Suite 101
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-5961 ext. 216
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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: CDFW has determined that the project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. CDFW's determination is supported by (1) the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's January 9, 2025, initial determination as lead agency that the project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director's February 2, 2025, concurrence with that Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board determination, which is available at wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences.

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CDFW Contact Person: Zach Kearns, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), (916) 358-1134

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Jennifer Gracia, Environmental Program Manager