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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: EA 10-1L490_SR 88 PM 54.03-65.74 Culvert Replacement (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. AMA-53636-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Little Bear River, an unnamed tributary to Bear River, and Silver Lake. All locations are between post mile (PM) 54.03 and 65.74 along State Route 88, in the County of Amador, State of California; Latitude 38.581250, Longitude -120.253836 (PM 54.03), Latitude 38.599999, Longitude -120.222694 (R56.61), and Latitude 38.667311, Longitude -120.122013 (PM R65.74) (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) maps Peddler Hill, Bear River Reservoir, and Caples Lake.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number AMA-53636-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation.

The project is limited to performing corrective actions on unauthorized culvert replacements and restoration activities. Prior to the issuance of the Agreement, unauthorized culvert replacement at PM 54.03, PM R56.61, and R65.74 occurred. Additional work consisted of grading both upstream and downstream of the culvert at PM 54.03 and PM R56.61, installation of 24-inch concrete flared end section and rock slope protection (RSP), placement of asphalt concrete and standard culvert backfill, trimming of riparian vegetation, and removal of mature riparian trees.

Activities authorized by this Agreement include RSP corrections at PM 54.03 and PM R56.61. At PM R56.61, asphalt concrete erroneously installed at the inlet and any loose asphalt fragment at the outlet will be removed. Dewatering and temporary clear water diversions may be required if flowing or standing water is present. All temporarily disturbed areas from the culvert replacement will be restored to pre-project conditions.

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

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:

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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1(c); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301)

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves maintenance and repair of existing facilities to meet current standards.

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