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**Project Title:** Deer Creek Irrigation District Fish Passage Adaptive Management Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS- EPIMS-TEH-61529-R1)

**Project Location (Tehama):** The project is located at Deer Creek, in the County of Tehama, State of California; Latitude 40.01120, Longitude -121.95450; Assessor’s Parcel Number 078-250-008-100.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-TEH-51629-R1, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Deer Creek Irrigation District as represented by Jeffrey Rabo.

The project is limited to the implementation of an adaptive management strategy for the Deer Creek Irrigation District’s Fish Passage Improvement Project, as well as ongoing maintenance and operation activities for the associated diversion and fish screening structures.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:**

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**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, 2, and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections:

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15301 – Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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 implement an adaptive management strategy for the existing Deer Creek Irrigation District's Fish Passage Improvement Project, as well as complete ongoing maintenance and operation activities for the associated existing diversion and fish screening structures as needed. 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 and avoidance measures for any special status species have been included in the Agreement.

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