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Notice of Exemption

To:
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Project Title: Tadpole Creek Tributary Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SHA-50417-R1)

Project Location: The project is located at Shasta County assessor's parcel numbers (APN) 208-120-001-000 and 208-120-015-000 located on an unnamed tributary to Tadpole Creek, tributary to Olney Creek, tributary to the Sacramento River, in Shasta County, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SHA-50417-R1 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ryan Muse.

The project is intended to remediate damages incurred to fish and wildlife resources resulting from Fish and Game Code violations and restoration of pre-violation hydrology allowing unobstructed flow from the unnamed tributary to Tadpole Creek, restoration of the channel, and installation of appropriate erosion control measures to reduce or eliminate sediment transport to the stream. The project has two components:

1) Tributary Restoration- Removal of an in-channel impoundment will include grading of earthen material within a 2-acre area to re-establish an ephemeral drainage. The earthen dam at the downstream end of the impoundment will be removed. Material from the dam and the elevated levee will be used to create a slope within the impoundment allowing surface flow through the area without ponding. Some of the elevated levee material will be left in place and compacted to avoid potential erosion of sediment to adjacent Tadpole Creek. The restored area will be replanted with native vegetation.

2) Pond Spillway Improvement- Spillway improvements will require installation of a 30-foot long, 24-inch diameter culvert installed through the southern end of the levee/dam with a 5-foot wide, rocked overflow above the culvert. The overflow and spillway will be lined with non-woven geotextile. Two to four-inch rock will be installed within the overflow. The spillway will be three feet wide and lined with 12 to 24-inch diameter rock. Spillway improvements will result in a disturbed area of 0.07 acres and will require 80 cubic yards of rock.

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Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Ryan Muse

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption.

Class 2, Code of Regulations, title 14, section 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.

Class 8; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308, Actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of activities intended to remediate Fish and Game Code violations and consists of reconstruction of previously existing hydrological features.

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