

Notice of Exemption

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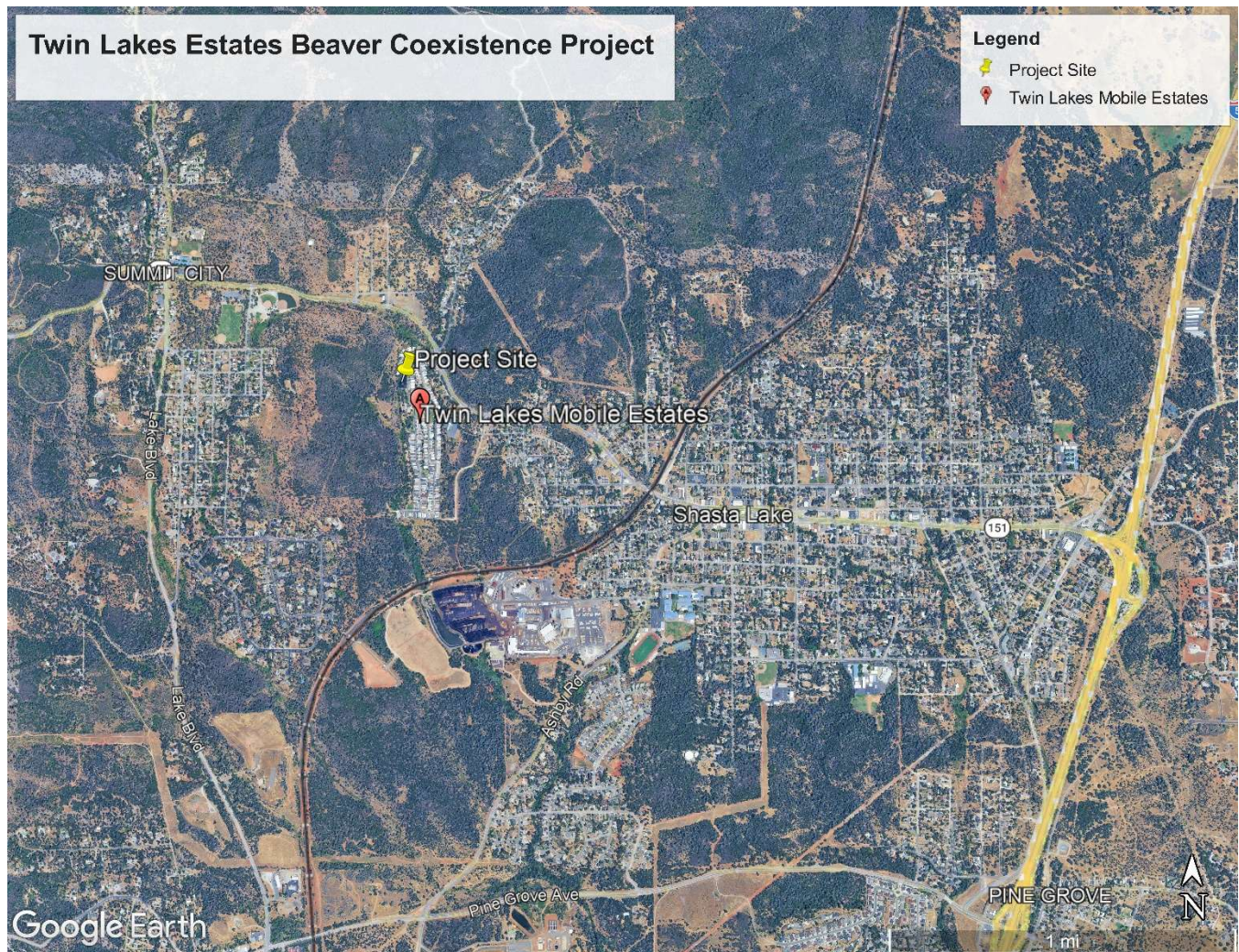
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Project Title: Twin Lakes Estates Beaver Coexistence Project

Project Applicant: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD)

Project Location - Specific:

Twin Lakes Estates mobile home park, Shasta Lake City. See map, below.



Project Location - City: Shasta Lake

Project Location - County: Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Twin Lakes Estates is a 55+ mobile home park in Shasta Lake, California. The project site is a small manmade pond (reservoir) bounded on the upstream side by the clubhouse structure, which straddles

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the creek, and on the downstream side by an earthen dam with a concrete spillway. Beavers are present in the reservoir and have blocked the concrete outlet spillway, raising the pond level by 8-10 inches and causing damage from flooding of nearby buildings and infrastructure. Foraging beavers have also caused damage to trees surrounding the reservoir, increasing risk to human safety and infrastructure from falling trees. The Twin Lakes Estates Beaver Coexistence Project will install one beaver exclusion fence across a manmade spillway with one floating pond leveler installed into this fence to manage water levels (a common flow device strategy called pipe-and-fence). This project will also protect 20 large deciduous trees with fencing to protect them from beaver foraging.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 exemption; section §15301)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This review of the installation of a beaver coexistence structure (beaver exclusion fence and floating pond leveler) and fencing around trees to prevent beaver foraging damage at the Twin Lakes Mobile Estates concludes that project implementation as designed would have less than significant impacts in each resource area. A Class 1 exemption (CCR Section §15301) covers 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. WSRCD has determined that the objectives of beaver coexistence and flood risk reduction and the implementation activities as designed for this project will result in minor alterations to private structures/facilities involving no expansion of use and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15301 exemption. WSRCD has reviewed this report and determined that the project's implementation will result in multiple benefits, including reducing human-wildlife conflict with beavers, as well as reduction of risks from flooding and falling trees, thus improve public safety and protection for communities, human lives, and property. WSRCD has determined that: there will be no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitats; there will be no significant adverse impacts to soils, hydrology, or water quality; there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site; the project will avoid adverse impacts to all archeological resource sites; the project will not result in cumulatively significant impacts; and the project will have no significant adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andrea Claassen Title: Biologist (Project Specialist) Telephone: (530) 365-7332

Signature:  Date: 3/2/2026

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant