

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	From: Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090
County Clerk (County of): El Dorado	Contact: Jen Stanfield Phone: 916-539-4868 Lead Agency: Tahoe Resource Conservation District Contact: Andrew Schurr Phone: 530.543.1501 ext101

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted by State Clearinghouse) 2026030912			
Project Title: Johnson Meadow Upper Truckee River Middle Reaches 1 & 2 Restoration Project			
Project Location: 38.916894, -119.989550 approximate center of project site			
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CEQA Region: N. CA			
Project Description: WCB proposes to fund a project which will construct a grade control structure within the Upper Truckee River at the Highway 50 bridge in South Lake Tahoe (WCB Project). The WCB Project will restore approximately 79 acres of mountain meadow habitat. The WCB Project is a portion of a larger project to restore approximately 206 acres of floodplain and enhance nearly 3 miles of river channel in the Upper Truckee River floodplain, known as the Johnson Meadow Upper Truckee River Middle Reaches 1 & 2 Restoration Project. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025150.			
This is to advise that the Wildlife Conservation Board has approved the above-described project on 8/27/26 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project. ☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency			
Exempt Status: (Check One) ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268): ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: ☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: ☐ Categorical Exemption, State Section Number and type: ☒ Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number and type: Public Resources Code Section 21080.56 ☐ Other:			
Reasons why project is exempt: The Tahoe Resource Conservation District, as lead agency, determined that the Johnson Meadow Restoration Upper Truckee River Middle Reaches 1 & 2 Restoration Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP), Public Resources Code section 21080.56, as a project that meets all of the following conditions: (1) the Project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (2) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's fundamental purpose; (3) the Project will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and (4) Project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration. As a portion of that project, the WCB Project is also exempt per Public Resource Code Section 21080.1.			
If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. 2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes (by this notice) ☐ No			
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