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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**Project Title:** Merrilea Road (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SHA-62426-R1)

**Project Location (Shasta):** The project is located at 7625 Merrilea Ln., Shingletown on an unnamed tributary to Bear Creek; Assessor’s Parcel Number 093-300-005-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SHA-62426-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Laythen Martines.

The proposed project covered by this Agreement is limited to stream re-alignment and restoration activities associated with unauthorized in stream grading and maintenance activities associated with an existing low water crossing.

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

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

Laythen Martines  
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**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Types:

**Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301** - 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination.

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**Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304** - 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 and agricultural purposes.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project involves restoration of an excavated stream channel and maintenance to an existing concrete stream crossing. All proposed work has been properly designed, sized, and aligned to accommodate 100-year flow conditions. This project is essential to reduce sediment delivery to the stream and prevent the risk of catastrophic failure of the existing stream crossing structure. The repair and maintenance of the stream crossing, and excavated channel will result in no expansion of use and no healthy, mature, or scenic trees will be removed as a result of this project. As carried out in accordance with the agreement, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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