

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



Project Title: Benson Pier (Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. NEV-63463-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Donner Lake in the County of Nevada, State of California; Latitude 39.31676, Longitude -120.28240; 15260 South Shore Drive Truckee, CA; Assessor's Parcel Number: 017-251-025-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number NEV-63463-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Eric Benson.

The project is limited to the removal and replacement of the existing fixed pier and boathouse within the same footprint. The removal of the existing pier includes the removal of (13) 24" diameter footings and (2) 12" diameter footings. The new pier will include (10) 10 3/4" diameter steel pilings driven to 6' depth. Composite decking will be used as the decking surface. There will be a reduction of 36.2 square feet of lake bottom disturbance. Caissons will be installed around the piling during installation and removal.

All construction equipment, debris, and staging will be contained on a floating amphibious barge. All material transport will be via barge and loaded/offloaded at Donner Lake Marina. All work will be done from the floating amphibious barge and only when the lake level is lower than the pier.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person / Public Agency Carrying out Project:

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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (2); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15302)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is class 2 exempt because it consists of the replacement of an existing structure 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.

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