



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 19 May 2026

State Clearinghouse Number: 2026040941

Project Title:

Iron Horse Creek Restoration Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Section 3, Township 22 North, Range 13 East, MDB&M
Latitude: 39.792950° and Longitude: -120.500938°
Assessor's Parcel No.: 126-250-002-000

Project Location - County:

Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project involves the restoration of approximately 0.26 acres of stream habitat for fish and wildlife species within Iron Horse Creek and the surrounding meadow. The Project includes construction of 14 grade control structures, channel fill treatments, and riparian revegetation to improve aquatic and riparian habitat quality and complexity. The structures will reactivate the floodplain along an incised channel and improve groundwater recharge.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404.

State Agency approval for coverage under State Water Resources Control Board's Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A32CR00263.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Noah Abramson
MTN Consulting and Restoration LLC
6036 Iron Horse Drive
Portola, CA 96122

Exempt Status:

On 20 April 2026, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, North Central Region 2, as lead agency, determined that the project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the project was determined to be categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. California Department of Fish & Wildlife filed a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse (SCH) on 21 April 2026 (SCH No. 2026040941).

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and has reviewed and comports with the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is categorically exempt under CEQA section 15333 because it involves a project that will not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife, and the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
SPKRegulatorymailbox@usace.army.mil

State Lead Agency Contact Person:

Lynn Coster, Senior Environmental Scientist
Chief Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Redding Branch Office
(530) 224-2437

Lynn Coster
Senior Environmental Scientist
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Redding

cc: Noah Abramson, MTN Consulting and Restoration LLC, Portola
Christy Morgan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
Alyssa Obester, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2