

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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



Project Title: Wakamatsu Farm Pond Outflow Stabilization Project (Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act–Request for Approval, Request No. 1652-2026-089-001-R2)

Project Location: The project is located in an unnamed tributary to Shingle Creek, in El Dorado County, State of California; Latitude 38.771652, Longitude -120.885697 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); 941 Cold Springs Road, Placerville, CA 95667; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 089-010-59, 089-010-62, and 089-010-65.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) approved Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act–Request for Approval, Request No. 1652-2026-089-001-R2, pursuant to section 1652 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, American River Conservancy, as represented by Cathy Mueller.

The project proposes the installation of small-scale, nature-based stabilization features within an unnamed tributary to Shingle Creek. The design includes harvesting woody debris and vegetation from designated harvest areas to install up to 40 beaver dam analogs and post assisted log structures. Additionally, rock cobble will be placed to create pooling features and armor existing roadways and the stream channel to prevent downstream sediment load and increase aquatic habitat area. Native vegetation will be planted to assist in bank stabilization, primarily in the form of willow (*Salix spp.*) cuttings.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person / Public Agency Carrying out Project:

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Exempt Status:

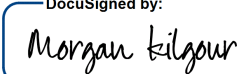
Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15333)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt under 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

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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.

CDFW Contact Person: Zach Kearns, Environmental Scientist, (916) 358-1134

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Morgan Kilgour, PhD, Regional Manager

Date: 4/21/2026