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Sent via email to Kmarks@honeylakevalleyrcd.us

Subject: California Environmental Quality Act Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects – Goodrich Creek Home Ranch Meadow Restoration (Request No. 21080.56-2026-103-R1)

Dear Kelsey Siemer:

I am pleased to inform you as the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) that I concur with the lead agency determination by the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District that the Goodrich Creek Home Ranch Meadow Restoration qualifies as a statutorily exempt of restoration project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.56, subd. (e).) My concurrence as the CDFW Director is based on CDFW's independent review of the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District request for concurrence, which CDFW received on April 1, 2026. In my opinion, informed by the best available science and described in the separate CDFW concurrence, the Goodrich Creek Home Meadow Restoration meets all the qualifying criteria in Public Resources Code section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive.

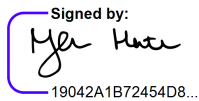
This concurrence signifies the continued commitment by CDFW and its partners in advancing the "Cutting the Green Tape" initiative, which is a collaborative effort to increase the pace and scale of restoration projects in California in a way that protects the environment and results in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery. CDFW

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stands ready to continue this effort in coordination with the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District.

CDFW's concurrence will be posted on our website as provided by Public Resources Code section 21080.56. If you have any related questions, please contact Brad Henderson, Cutting the Green Tape Program Manager, at (530) 351-5948, or by email at Brad.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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