

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr. Ste. 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95679

(Address)

Project Title: Forni Meadow Complex Restoration Project

Project Applicant: El Dorado National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

Forni Meadows, El Dorado National Forest. Latitude: 38.818135 °N, Longitude: -120.1758821°W

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will construct beaver dam analogs (BDAs), large woody debris jams (LWDJs), and post assisted log structures (PALS) within incised stream channels in the Forni meadow complex to reconnect channels to the floodplain.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: El Dorado National Forest, American Rivers

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15333: Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

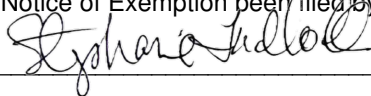
The Project is under 5 acres and will enhance approximately 50 acres of wetland habitat and 5 acres of stream channel habitat.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nicholas Savino Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 464-4920

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  Date: 6/12/2026 Title: Senior Env. Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____