

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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



Project Title: Mule Creek Vegetated Bioswales Reconstruction (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. AMA-65754-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Mule Creek, in the County of Amador, State of California; Latitude 38.36696, Longitude -120.95340 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); 4001 Highway 104, Lone, CA 95640; Assessor's Parcel Number 005-070-007.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number AMA-65754-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Peter J. Connelly Jr./California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The project is limited to the recontouring of existing drainage features at the Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) through excavation, placement of Rock Slope Protection (RSP) and native fill material to convert these features to vegetated "bioswales" (i.e., streambeds). The bioswales are intended to manage storm water flows, reduce flooding and erosion, and reduce sedimentation and pollutants from entering the watercourse downstream. The project is being completed in response to a court order. A total of 600 cubic yards of materials will be excavated and filled to recontour the swale bottoms and 13 cubic yards of 8-inch RSP will be placed within the channel for check dams and aprons.

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 (4 and 33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15304 and 15333)

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Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 4 because the project consists of a minor alteration to the land and does not include the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

Class 33 because the project does not exceed five acres in size and is intended to enhance habitat for fish, wildlife, or plants through revegetation and reduction in sedimentation.

CDFW Contact Person: Hailey Donaldson, Environmental Scientist, (916) 216-6253

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Date: 7/29/2026