

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: Butte

155 Nelson Ave,

Oroville, CA 95965

From: (Public Agency): City of Oroville
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA 95965
(Address)

Project Title: Feather River south levee and island annual vegetation management program

Project Applicant: City of Oroville

Project Location - Specific:

Feather River levee between Highway 70 bridge & Table Mtn Blvd. bridge.

Project Location - City: Oroville Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves careful surveying, marking and clearing of undesirable overgrown vegetation (currently increasing fire danger) on the south levee and river islands for fuel reduction and public safety. Once appropriate clearing has taken place, regular routine vegetation management will follow. There is no expansion of use and work is limited to hand clearing in existing public and private rights-of-way. There will be no work in the river itself to avoid possible conflicts with salmon spawning. Prior to clearing all scenic or protected trees, native plants, and sensitive habitats will be pre-surveyed and marked for avoidance. No nesting birds are in season at this time. The focus will be on eliminating invasive vegetation, on fire protection, public safety - the area is a hotbed of illegal encampments in areas well screened from public view and clearing will make the area less attractive for illegal camping and more attractive and safe for park/recreational use. No heavy mechanical equipment will be used.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Oroville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tim Kaber, Public Works Director

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: 15301, 15304, 15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

These exemptions cover the planned activities -- routine vegetation clearance along existing rights-of-way, minor alterations to land not involving healthy mature or scenic trees, and not affecting bird nesting, the use of heavy equipment, or sensitive habitat disturbance.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Wes Ervin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-538-2408

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: W. J. Ervin Date: 9-29-2024 Title: City Planner

■ 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: _____