

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
North Central Region
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A
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State Clearinghouse Number: 2026100016

Project Title: Rock Creek Obstruction Clearing South of Hwy 32 (Notification of Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. BUT-69877-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Rock Creek, in the County of Butte, State of California. The project is linear in shape and spans approximately a 0.9-mile reach of Rock Creek. The northern end of the project is located at: Coordinates; 39.740133, -121.950696 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees)) and proceeds south towards the intersection of Rock Creek and West Sacramento Avenue at Latitude/Longitude 39.729580, -121.940540.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-69877-R2, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 et. seq, to the project Applicant, Darren Rice of Rock Creek Reclamation District.

The project is limited to clearing vegetation and debris that impede flood flows in Rock Creek. The vegetation consists of accumulated flood debris, dead trees, 27 living trees over 4 inches diameter at breast height (DBH), and other species of native and non-native vegetation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

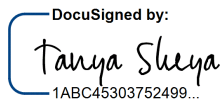
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Rock Creek Reclamation District
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Exempt Status: On September 24, 2026, the Rock Creek Reclamation District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15301, 15304, and 15305. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption.

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Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1 (a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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