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Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch  
Native Plant Program  
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Project Title: Butte County Meadowfoam Seed Viability Experiment (Project)

Project Location: The Project will take place in Butte County, California. The seed viability experiment will utilize seeds collected at the Miriam Park Preserve in Chico, California. The Miriam Park Preserve is located on both sides of Humboldt Road between the Marsh Junior High School and Bruce Road. Experimental manipulation of seed will take place at the California State University Chico University Farm located at 311 Nicholas C. Shouten Lane off of Hegan Lane in Chico. Seeds may also be temporarily stored at the offices of the Permittee, Gallaway Enterprises.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to Gallaway Enterprises pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a) for a seed viability experiment involving Butte County meadowfoam (*Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *californica*), an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. The experiment will involve testing whether Butte County meadowfoam seeds can remain intact and viable after passing through a portion of a cow's digestive system.

California Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Elena Gregg, Gallaway Enterprises

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 15306, Class 6.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is a scientific experiment that will not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource. The permit issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Project includes measures to ensure that existing populations of *Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *californica* are not impacted.

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