

Notice of Exemption

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From:
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Project Title: Bridge Crossing Pier Protection (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0523-R1)

Project Location (include county): Thomes Creek, tributary to the Sacramento River, in the County of Tehama, State of California; 39°58'45.93", -122°10'35.24".

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0523-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to California Northern Railroad Company.

The project is limited to scour protection replacement and pier protection around the base of seven piers of the railroad crossing on Thomes Creek. Four of the piers will have sheet piles installed 6" away from the pier face surrounding the pier, and will be backfilled with concrete grout. These will also have the "nose", or the upstream-facing side of the pier, covered in grouted rip-rap. The other three piers will have grouted rip-rap installed around the perimeter of the pier without the addition of the sheet pile and extra grout.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Northern California Railroad Company

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

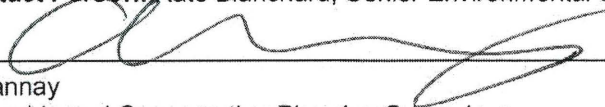
Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why project is exempt: The work authorized by this Agreement is limited to activities associated with repairing and maintaining seven piers supporting a railroad bridge over Thomes Creek in Tehama County. Construction will involve excavating the streambed around the damaged piers and protecting them from further scour with a combination of concrete grout and rip-rap. There will be no expansion of the existing use as a result of this project. The project will have no significant effect on the environment.

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