

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1 - Northern
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Project Title: OAT CREEK DEBRIS REMOVAL (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0836-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at three adjacent parcels on Oat Creek, in the County of Tehama, State of California; Latitude 40.081313N, Longitude 122.187816W; Lassen parcel APN #037-140-003, 22895 Flores Avenue; Byrd parcel APN #037-140-002, 22805 Flores Avenue; Blanchard parcel APN #037-140-001, 22795 Flores Avenue.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0836-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Steve Lassen, Dan Byrd, and Lois Blanchard.

The project is limited to the removal of accumulated woody debris from the stream channel for disposal as well as sediment management activities on the parcels described in this Notification. Floods have deposited significant amounts of woody debris within the Oat Creek stream channel upstream of the Flores Avenue bridge. The accumulation of wood has led to loss of flood conveyance capacity within the stream and resulted in the stream flooding adjacent properties. Deposited wood jams and debris mats will be removed from the channel using an excavator and dozer and disposed of outside the stream channel.

In addition to the removal of debris, Permittee will perform sediment management activities to remove overburden from gravel bars. Alluvial material may be removed from the stream for use in upland areas or used to bolster existing stream banks, with combined activities removing, or relocating, no more than 500 cubic yards of material per year, or impacting no more than 500 linear feet for stream channel each year.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Steve Lassen, Dan Byrd, and Lois Blanchard.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304**, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: Minor alteration of private land and vegetation with no removal of mature, scenic trees. No work will occur in or near the wetted channel.

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