

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Milk Ranch Biomass Thin (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0030-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located approximately four miles southeast of the Town of Challenge, County of Yuba. State of California; Latitude 39.432, Longitude -121.166; Township 18 North, Range 7 East, Section 11 of the Challenge 7.5 minute U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle map, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0030-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The CHY Company.

The project includes the replacement of an existing culvert on a class II watercourse. The existing 36-inch by 20-foot culvert is undersized, failing, and shot-gunned. The fill has been undermined and a hole has eroded in the fill below the culvert outlet. The existing culvert will be removed and replaced with a 60-inch by 40-foot metal culvert set at base of fill and along the natural channel alignment. It is anticipated that water will be present at time of work. The channel will be dewatered prior to operations.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: The CHY Company

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302.

Reasons why project is exempt: This project involves the replacement of an existing culvert where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose as the structure replaced.

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