

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Crane Mills Thomes Creek Water Diversion and Griffin Creek Culvert Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0214-R1)

Project Location (include county): The water diversion project is located at Thomes Creek in the County of Tehama, State of California; Latitude 39.88403N, Longitude 122.54524W; Assessor's Parcel Number 85-030-037. The diversion is located immediately downstream of the Round Valley Road bridge of Thomes Creek in the town of Paskenta.

The culvert replacement is located at Griffin Creek, tributary to Thomes Creek, in the County of Tehama, State of California; Latitude 39.97202N, Longitude 122.76202W; Assessor's Parcel Number 57-180-009-000. The diversion is located at the US Forest Service M2 road where it crossed Griffin Creek.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0214-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Crane Mills, as represented by Ross Maitia.

Thomes Creek Water Diversion Project: The Thomes Creek water diversion project is limited to the installation, maintenance, and repair of a gravel berm and diversion ditch used to divert water from Thomes Creek; the repair and maintenance of a fish screen within the gravel diversion channel; and the diversion of water pursuant to a legal water right.

Griffin Creek Culvert Replacement Project: The Griffin Creek culvert replacement project is limited to removing the existing fill that is over the top of a partially collapsed 48-inch culvert, removing the old culvert, and installing 100 feet of 108-inch culvert pipe. A Cat 330 Excavator, Cat D8H, and a dump truck will be used to remove the old culvert and install the new culvert. It is estimated that about 2,400 cubic yards of fill material will need to be removed to access the old pipe. The same excavated fill material will be used to bring the road back up to grade. The approaches to the crossing will be lowered as much as possible (maybe 3-4 feet) and a critical dip added. The fill will be compacted in 1-foot lifts.

The M2 Road is a public road, a temporary culvert crossing about 150 feet upstream from the permanent culvert crossing may be installed to allow for traffic. A 24-inch culvert will be used along with the native gravel from the alluvial deposit above the main crossing. It will be removed as soon as the main crossing is complete.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Crane Mills

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 (c)**, Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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 made.

Reasons why project is exempt: The culvert replacement project involves replacement of an existing structure with a new structure in the same footprint. The water diversions involves the operation of an existing permitted water diversion with no expansion in use.

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