

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Shasta

From: (Public Agency): Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
6270 Parallel Road
Anderson, CA 96007
(Address)

Project Title: North Cow Creek/Bella Vista Siphon Removal and Fish Passage Project

Project Applicant: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

North Cow Creek - Latitude: 40.591237 , Longitude: -122.226667

Project Location - City: Palo Cedro Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will remove the abandoned Bella Vista Water District siphon structure in North Cow Creek, which acts as a barrier to migrating aquatic species including Chinook salmon and steelhead. The concrete structure will be removed and disposed of off-site and the stream bed will be re-contoured to allow immediate fish passage for all life-stages of fish upon completion of the project. The project will be implemented during the late summer when flows are lowest and all stream flow will be piped around the project area to conduct in-stream work. The purpose is to benefit fisheries habitat in North Cow Creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ross Perry, Project Manager

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14 CCR § 15333. Small Habitat Restoration Projects
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project's impact will be less than five acres (approximately 0.5 acres); the goal of the project is to improve fisheries habitat in North Cow Creek by removing a barrier to migration; there will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species; there are no hazardous materials at or around the project area that will be disturbed or removed; the project has been done in accordance to CDFW and NOAA Fisheries guidelines.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ross Perry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 776-9420

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/26/20 Title: Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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