

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: JH Ranch Diversions (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0356-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Payne's Lake Creek, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0356-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to JH Ranch, represented by Jim Free.

The project is limited to inspection, operation, maintenance, and repair of Diversion #10/10A, an existing water diversion on Payne's Lake Creek providing irrigation water to JH Ranch. The diversion facilities include a fish screen mounted to a concrete box inlet with headgate, a conveyance ditch, a secondary concrete box structure with staff gage, and bypass for water not being utilized. Maintenance to access those features and fish screen replacement are included.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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 Project is limited to operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features with negligible or no expansion. The diversion facilities are currently in good working order. Therefore, the continued use of these facilities is consistent with a Class 1 exemption, and no unusual circumstances exist with regard to this facility at this time.

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