

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Project Title:** Lindo Channel Fire Resilience (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0180-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located in Lindo Channel tributary to Big Chico Creek, between Holly Avenue and the Esplanade adjacent to Mission Ranch Subdivision, within the City of Chico, in the County of Butte, State of California; Latitude 39.75095° Longitude -121.86299°.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0180-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Linda Herman representing the City of Chico.

The Project consists of the management of vegetation within Lindo Channel. The Project will improve visibility and reduce fire hazard along approximately one acre of the riparian zone of Lindo Channel. The Project will remove non-native vegetation within the riparian zone of Lindo Channel. The Project will also thin out and cut California grape (*Vitis californica*) and California pipevine (*Aristolochia californica*) and remove other native trees with a Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of less than 4 inches. The vegetation that will be removed from the Project Site will be cut at ground level to avoid topsoil disturbance. Limbs located up to 8 feet above ground level will be removed within the Project Site. All vegetation will be disposed of off-site or chipped on-site. Chipped materials will be placed on site to protect soil with a depth not to exceed 6 inches.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** City of Chico

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 4 because the project is minor alteration in the condition of land, and it does not involve the removal of any scenic trees.

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