

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Summit Green, LLC Commercial Cannabis Diversion and Vegetation Management (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0122-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Browns Creek, tributary to the Trinity River, in the County of Trinity, State of California; 40.638480°, -122.979674°; 351 B Bar K Ranch Road in Douglas City, CA; Assessor's Parcel Number 015-070-68-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0122-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Michael Marks, representing Summit Green, LLC.

The project is limited to the diversion of surface water from Browns Creek for commercial cannabis cultivation purposes and the removal of non-native vegetation along the streambank. Water will be diverted from a single location on Browns Creek, pumping surface water using a ½ horsepower shallow well jet pump through 1 ¼" pipe to off-channel storage ponds during the winter diversion season allowed under a Small Irrigation Water Use Registration. The maximum diversion rate during the diversion season will be approximately 50,000 gallons per month. Non-native blackberry growing along Browns Creek will be removed using a combination of cut stump treatment and manual removal. Manually operated gas-powered tools will be used to remove the above-ground portion of the plants. Site restoration will occur with the planting of native riparian habitat to replace the removed vegetation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Michael Marks, representing Summit Green, LLC

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1**; California Code of Regulations, title 14, **section 15301**; Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will permit an existing diversion, which previously supplied irrigation to an existing ranch during summer months. The current project is reducing historical summer water demand by diverting water for cannabis irrigation to storage in winter months and forbearing during summer. Continued operation of the existing facility by modifying the season of diversion will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects or the effects of other current projects. There will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat.

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