

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Upper Phillips Gulch Stream Restoration and Sediment Retention Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0257-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located on Bureau of Land Management properties on Phillips Gulch and other unnamed tributaries, tributary to Grass Valley Creek then the Trinity River, in the County of Trinity, State of California; Sections 28-31, Township 33N, Range 8W, Mt. Diablo Meridian, Assessor Parcel Numbers: 025-060-18-00, 025-090-01-00, 025-090-02-00, & 025-090-41-00.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0257-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Cynthia Tarwater representing Trinity County Resource Conservation District.

The project is limited to 17 encroachments: 13 encroachments are to upgrade unarmored stream crossings to armored stream crossings, three (3) areas within the stream channel will be restored, and one (1) culverted stream crossing will be removed and the stream channel will be restored.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Trinity County Resource Conservation District

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption.

**Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302,** 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 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333,** Projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is limited to culvert replacement and small restoration areas that will reduce sediment discharge. This project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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