
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research
400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 18 November 2020

Project Title: Mud Creek Diversion Canal Maintenance

Project Location - Specific: Section 3, 4, & 9, Township 39N, Range 2W
McCloud, CA
Latitude: 41.2500° and Longitude: -122.0728°

Project Location - County: Siskiyou County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Wyntoon Forests, LLC / Hearst Forests, LLC plan to remove glacial sediment that has recently deposited into a 2,500-foot reach of the Mud Creek Diversion Channel. The unconsolidated material will be removed and placed above the ordinary high-water mark along the levy running the length of the project area. Removing the sediment and maintaining the efficiency of the canal will prevent this material from being flushed during Spring storm events and entering the McCloud River system at the McCloud Reservoir.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 3.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office.
WDID No. 5A47CR00054.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Matthew Cheula
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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the 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:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves maintenance of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

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Date: 11/18/2020

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cc: Matthew Cheula, Wyntoon Timberlands, LLC / Hearst Forests, LLC, McCloud
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