

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: California Park Vegetation Management (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2015-0125-R2)

Project Location: The California Park Vegetation Management Project is located on Dead Horse Slough, and Upper and Lower Lake, a tributary to the Sacramento River, in the County of Butte, State of California, Latitude 39°45'1.92"N, Longitude 121°47'18.10"W; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map "City of Chico".

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has extended the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2015-0125-R2 for an additional 5 years, pursuant to Section 1605 of the Fish and Game Code to California Park. The project consists of the selective removal of both native and non-native riparian species within Dead Horse Slough, Little Dead Horse Slough, Upper Lake, and the Lower Lake. Vegetation removal would target non-native species such as privet, vervain, seedling mulberry, tallow etc. Natives would include cattail, seedling willow, cottonwood, and alder. Removal of vegetation would include the use of herbicides registered for use in riparian habitats. The herbicides would be used under a licensed pest control advisor (PCA). Cattail spraying operations would conform to California Park's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and an Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan (APAP) with monitoring and would be performed 3-4 times a year. Herbicide use would be performed by a licensed pest control operator (PCO) with a PCA recommendation and within all label mandates. Within Dead Horse Slough and Little Dead Horse Slough, vegetation will be removed in the channel that prohibits regular stream flow. Trees greater than 4 inches DBH will be retained but may be limbed up. Additional riparian vegetation that is not prohibiting flow will be retained as well.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: California Park

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: [Section 15301 Class 1]

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 because the project consists of minor vegetation removal and will not impact any sensitive species habitat.

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