

Notice of Exemption

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Region 1 - Northern
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Project Title: Issuance of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0393-R1, Novy Ranches – Willow Ck Diversion Project

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Willow Creek, tributary the Shasta River, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Latitude 41.50286, Longitude -133.52416 decimal degrees (DD) at point of diversion (POD), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Gazelle, base and meridian; Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 022-270-170. Permittee owns the property at the diversion.

Project Description: The project is limited to the act of diverting water from a single POD from Willow Creek. The activities include the operation and maintenance of the diversion, such as removal of sediment, debris, and vegetation near the POD. Work in the wet will be conducted with hand tools or dry from bank with heavy equipment to the greatest extent of the excavator arm. If a channel spanning rock weir is necessary, the work plan would be approved by CDFW prior to work starting. The channel spanning weir would provide fish passage. The Permittee diverts no more than 1.98 cubic feet per second (cfs) from March 1- November 1 for irrigation, and 0.01 cfs from November 1 to February 28 for groundwater recharge along with irrigation. Permittee shall submit plan to CDFW of the fish screen facility improvements for approval.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Dr. Lowell Novy (Permittee).

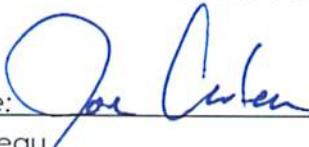
Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption. State code number

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301**, 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: The project is the annual maintenance of an existing water diversion structure and the diversion of water from Willow Creek pursuant to their lawful water right. There will be no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees as a result of this project. The project will have no significant effect on the environment.

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