

Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Inland Deserts Region
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Project Title: Round Valley Wildlife Area Irrigation Culvert Replacement

Project Location: The project is located where an unnamed irrigation ditch crosses Pine Creek Road, approximately 3 miles west of Highway 395, on CDFW’s Round Valley Wildlife Area, east of the community of Rovana, in the County of Inyo, State of California; Section 19, Township 6S, Range 31E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Rovana; Geographic Coordinates: 37.415472, -118.606278

Project Description: California Department of Fish and Wildlife will replace an existing culvert under Pine Creek Road located on the Round Valley Wildlife Area. This project is limited to the removal of an existing failed 24” culvert and the in-kind replacement of a new 24” culvert. The culvert conveys water beneath Pine Creek Road from an irrigation ditch that receives water from Mill creek. The culvert will extend across the existing Pine Creek Road right-of-way to allow CDFW to access the culvert inlet/outlet for maintenance. Work will be within the existing roadway and shoulder of the road. Material removed during excavation of the existing culvert will be asphalt and old pipe which will be disposed of off-site. The new culvert will be covered with concrete slurry and new asphalt. The equipment that will be used includes a backhoe, dump truck, pick-up truck and hand tools. The work will be conducted while the ditch is dry. The work will be conducted between January 1 and March 15 to avoid potential for the disturbance of nesting birds. The project will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, remove mature, healthy, scenic trees, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The project is authorized by Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0137-R6.

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

Person or Agency Carrying out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial:
- Declared Emergency:
- Emergency Project:
- Categorical Exemption: Type – Class (1 and 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301 and 15304)

Reasons why Project is exempt:

The project is Class 1, §15301 (Existing Facilities) Exempt; The project consists of a minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project is Class 4, §15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Exempt; The project is minor alteration in the condition of the land and it does not involve the removal of any scenic trees

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Signed by Lead Agency

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