

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Faith Valley Restoration (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0173-R2)

Project Location: The project is located on the West Fork Carson River, in the County of Alpine, State of California; Township 10N, Range 19E, Sections 19 and 30; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Carson Pass, Mt. Diablo meridian; Latitude N 38.689070 and Longitude W 119.930056.

Project Description: The meadow restoration at Faith Valley Meadow in the West Fork Carson River watershed will use beaver dam analogs (BDAs) and post assisted log structures (PALs) to raise the water table and capture sediment. BDAs will be strategically placed to enhance aggradation and floodplain reconnection. PALs, which mimic natural wood accumulation, will increase habitat complexity, and help to move water onto the floodplain.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has extended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0173-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Matthew Zumstein.

Routine maintenance work, as described in this Agreement includes the following: removing debris, vegetation, rubbish, downed trees, and other material that could obstruct the natural flow; controlling weeds, grasses, emergent vegetation, and woody vegetation; repairing and maintaining culverts, bridges, and small structures; making repairs to control erosion and stabilize banks; and other work necessary to maintain the functional and structural integrity of waterways.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Matthew Zumstein

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Small Habitat Restoration Projects, Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The project, as permitted, will not exceed five acres in size nor have a significant effect on the environment and shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

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