
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: 13 May 2021

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021040261

Project Title: Swain Meadow Restoration Project (WDID No. 5A32CR00214)

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located within the Swain Management Area, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest. The project encompasses approximately 10 miles of Robbers Creek within the Upper North Fork Feather River Watershed. The southern extent of the project boundary is located approximately 2.5 miles north of Westwood, CA on Lassen County Road A-21 and extends north to Barnes Flat.

Project Location - County: Plumas County

Name of Applicant:

Todd Sloat
Forest Creek Restoration, Inc.
26481 Pittville-Totten Road
McArthur, CA 96056

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will use riffle augmentation and Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) to restore hydrologic function. Meadow restoration will include lowering and aggrading existing roads and ditches to match adjacent topography, riparian planting along existing and remnant channels, and utilizing nearby harvested trees to provide a historically present wood component. Following restoration activities, fencing will be used to limit livestock within the restoration area to allow for recovery of the meadow.

The Project was developed and guided by the Lassen National Forest in collaboration with Forest Creek Restoration, Inc., Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, and Point Blue Conservation Science. The Project will be undertaken by the USDA Forest Service (Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District) and South Lassen Watershed Group.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Lead Agency, has approved the above described project on 13 May 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

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