

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
for the
East Branch Road Water Reliability and Hansen Ditch Water Conservation
Project

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Project Title: East Branch Road Water Reliability and Hansen Ditch Water Conservation Project

Project Location – Specific: The project is located in Section 29, Township 34N, Range 9W, MDB&M. It is accessible by traveling north on Highway 3 from Weaverville, CA to East Weaver Creek Road. Turn left from Highway 3 at East Weaver Creek Road, and proceed 1.3 miles to the junction of East Weaver Creek Road and East Branch Road. The project area begins approximately 50 feet south of the junction and continues approximately 0.5 miles up EBRD.

Project Location – City: Weaverville, CA

Project Location – County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will construct a new 6” lateral water main off the current East Weaver Creek Road WCSD 8” water main for approximately 2070’ up the east side of EBRD including the installation of two 4” fire hydrants. The project will serve up to eleven existing residential parcels within the WCSD servicing boundary. The project includes: installation of the 6” water main, replacement of up to 8 existing customer water meter boxes with accompanying laterals, and 2 fire hydrants, back flushing of the water main, and restoring road surface and drainage.

Landowners in exchange for the pipeline construction and other incentives offered by the WCSD will discontinue (forbear) stream and ditch diversions for a period of fifteen years. The project will improve water reliability for residents within the WCSD service boundary while conserving water in EWC for salmon habitat and improving firefighting capabilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Weaverville Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Northwest CA Resource Conservation & Development Council - Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 Section 15301(b), Class 33 Sec. 15333(a, b, c, & d(1 & 6));
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will enhance fisheries habitat by preserving and increasing stream flows East Weaver Creek. The project will reduce sediment input and improve road drainage by upgrading 2-4 culverts. The project is not growth inducing and will not expand WCSD capacity or water demand. The project does not have any significant or cumulatively considerable environmental impacts. The project will not cause adverse effects on human beings. The project will not adversely affect a state scenic highway, cultural, natural, or historic resources, federal or state listed species or species proposed for listing, jurisdictional wetlands, or riparian zones.

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