

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Shoshone Springbrook Project (Request No. 1652-2020-039-001-R6)

Project Applicant: Susan Sorrells, Private Landowner

Project Location: The Project is located in the Shoshone Springbrook, east of highway 127 within the northeast edge of the town of Shoshone, Inyo County (See Figure 1). The Project is located approximately 0.13 miles east of the Death Valley Unified School District at approximately 35.979028, -116.270556. The Project site is bounded by Amargosa River to the east and the Dublin Hills Range to the west.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Shoshone Springbrook Project submitted by Susan Sorrells.

The Project includes reconstructing the first 475-feet of the incised linear Shoshone Springbrook channel into a two-stage channel (i.e., meandering low-flow channel within a larger flood-channel) to expand and improve habitat for aquatic and riparian species. Aquatic and riparian habitat will be restored and enhanced through 1) the removal and maintenance of excessive cattail growth within the Project area, 2) the removal of non-native salt cedar (*Tamarix* spp.), 3) planting of native vegetation and 4) the creation of a channel that promotes natural alluvial processes, increased channel stabilization and connectivity to the Amargosa river floodplain. Specifically, the Project will provide a net benefit to the Shoshone pupfish by expanding their potential range through the creation and maintenance of shallow, open-water habitat that promotes the growth of algae, an important food source for pupfish. Riparian birds, including the least Bell's vireo, are also expected to benefit from the enhancement of the native riparian community as a result of non-native plant removal, native riparian planting, and increased floodplain connectivity

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Susan Sorrells

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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