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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 13 May 2021

**Project Title:** Storrie Meadows Restoration Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Township 26N, Range 4E, Section 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 34, and 35  
Latitude: 40.112602° and Longitude: -121.468880°

**Project Location - County:** Tehama County and Butte County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project goal is to reconnect Colby Creek, Willow Creek West, and Snag Lake to their natural floodplains. Restoration of the natural hydrologic function will enhance groundwater recharge, attenuation and delay of peak flows, and improve late season stream flow. Meadow restoration will include constructing Post-Assisted Log Structures and Beaver Dam Analogs, treating headcut features, providing riffle augmentation, filling artificial channel/ditch features, lowering roads and removing culverts, constructing multiple grade control structures by felling large trees, and removing encroaching lodgepole pine trees. The project will restore 215 acres of wetland and 29,586 linear feet of stream channel.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:**

**Federal Agencies:** The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 27.

**State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A52CR00211.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

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

**Exempt Status:**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15333, Class 33, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, which consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that:

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15333 because the project involves habitat restoration less than five acres.

**Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:**

Hilary Kraft,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Redding

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(530) 223-9536

**State Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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Chief Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Redding Branch Office

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**Signature:**



**Date:**

5/13/2021

**Title:** Senior Environmental Scientist

cc: Todd Sloat, Forest Creek Restoration, Inc., McArthur  
Hilary Kraft, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Redding