

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1 - Northern
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Project Title: 2-21EM-00137-SHA, "Zogg Emergency", Streambed Alteration Agreement

#1600-2021-0037-R1, "Zogg Emergency".

Project Location (include county): The project is located along Duckett Creek, tributary to upper North Fork Cottonwood Creek in the Duckett Creek planning watershed (CalWater Number 5524.35021), and also Taylor Gulch (CalWater Number 5524.350103) located in the County of Shasta, State of California; Township (T) 31N, Range (R) 07W, Section 29, Mt. Diablo base and meridian. U.S. Geological Survey 7.5" quadrangle map, covering this project area is: "Shasta Bally"

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2021-00037-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Tom Harrington for the purposes of timber harvest under emergency timber harvest notification # 2-21EM-00137-SHA approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The project is limited to (8) encroachments total, of which the total includes (2) water drafting sites, and (6) reconstructions or upgrading of culvert crossings, along with repairs and maintenance of existing roads and facilities after the 2020 Zogg wildfire.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Tom Harrington, Representative for Sierra Pacific Industries, Managing Entity for the Landowner, Sierra Pacific Land and Timber Company

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301: Class 1 – Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination; and Class 4 – Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic, trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: This project meets the criteria for exemption because it consists of the use of existing facilities for water drafting and minor alteration to land to maintain and/or repair existing failed watercourse crossings and upgrading with new culverts involving minor alterations to condition of land, water, or vegetation.

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