

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
15095 Amargosa Road, Bldg 2, Ste 210, Victorville, CA 92394

(Address)

Project Title: Shoshone Springbrook Project

Project Applicant: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Project Location - Specific:

East of State Route 127 in Inyo County; lat/long 35.97859433, -116.26980387

Project Location - City: Shoshone Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this Project is to restore and enhance the aquatic and riparian habitat of the Shoshone Springbrook for the benefit of the endemic Shoshone pupfish. This will be accomplished by reconstructing the first 475 feet of the highly modified channel outside of the Cal Trans right-of-way. A two-stage channel (narrower low-flow center channel buffered by a wider floodplain channel) will be constructed to concentrate the spring-brook flows in a narrow open water channel as habitat for the pupfish.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Water Board finds that the Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CCR, title 14, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, for the restoration and enhancement of habitat specific to Shoshone pupfish.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tiffany Steinert Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760/241-6583

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 05/20/2021 Title: Executive Officer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____