

Appendix E

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): California Department of Fish and Wildlife
787 North Main St. Suite 220 Bishop, CA. 93514
(Address)

County Clerk County of:

Tuolumne

Project Title: Recovery of Endangered Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frogs (Rana sierrae) in Harvey Monroe Hall

Research Natural Area

Project Applicant: CDFW Inland Desert Region 6-North James Erdman-Environmental Scientist

Project Location - Specific:

Ponds and stream/outlet west of Roosevelt Lake, Tuolumne County. The source population is located within Yosemite NP at an elevation of 10400 feet. The Harvey Monroe Hall RNA is part of the Inyo National Forest. Site UTM for Maul Lake (destination) is E299040, N4203095.

Project Location - City: Bishop, Ca. is ~70 miles; Lee Vining, Ca. ~20 miles

Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves the capture and transport of Rana sierrae (Rasi) adults from the ponds and stream/outlet west of Roosevelt Lake in Yosemite National Park to Maul Lake in the Inyo NF, HMHRNA. The hope is to establish a viable persistent Rasi Population at Maul Lake and the surrounding lakes/habitat. The population will be surveyed prior to collection to ensure adequate numbers are present. Animals will be collected at the closest viable, large population of Rasi and carried directly to Maul Lake. This project will result in population expansion and significant recovery trend for Rasi within their historic range.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cooperative between CDFW, USFWS and the USFS. James Erdman, Chad Mellison and Thomas Torres.

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 7 (CCR, Title 14, Section 15307)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Class 7 categorical exemption applies to proposed "actions by regulatory agencies for protection of natural resources" projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, 21000 et seq.). The proposed project is an activity that falls within the Class 7 categorical exemption because it is a wildlife preservation activity of the State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife that is limited in scope and no serious or major disturbances to environmental resources are expected. This project will result in the re-establishment of historic populations and significant recovery trend within their native range.

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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?. X Yes No

Signature:

Date:

Title:

Signed by: Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.