

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Cooper 160 (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. GLE-20027-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Walker Creek, in the County of Glenn, State of California; Latitude 39.63737 degrees North, Longitude 122.17839 degrees West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number GLE-20027-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Scott A. Cooper.

The project is limited to removal of dead trees; removal of ruderal, non-native riparian vegetation; deep ripping, filling and leveling of the side channel of the relict stream, and deep ripping and recontouring of the main channel of the stream as a drainage swale to direct storm water and irrigation water run-off away from the property into drainage channel at the southern edge of the property. Once filled and levelled, the side channel of the stream will be incorporated into the planned almond orchard and will be planted in almond trees.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Scott A. Cooper

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of a minor alteration of a private land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The stream channel within the project area is relict having been cut off at both the upstream and downstream ends of the project area. The vegetation present within the project area consisted of invasive non-native blackberries, and several dead, decaying trees. All lands immediately surrounding the stream banks was being farmed as winter wheat (an agricultural crop). The habitat value of the land, in its current condition, is negligible. The area surrounding the parcel with the stream channel is all zoned as orchard and is intensively managed for almonds.

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