

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Hooker Creek Tributary Culvert Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-21616-R1)

Project Location (include county): The proposed Project is located in Tehama County on an unnamed intermittent tributary to Hooker Creek at T28N, R04W, Section 7 of the Hooker 7.5-minute United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle, Tehama County APN 007-560-033-001, approximately 18210 Pack Saddle Road Cottonwood.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TRI-21616-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Quailridge Ranch Estates Homeowner’s Association, as represented by Jeff Houser.

The proposed Project is limited to the repair and maintenance of two existing side by side four-foot diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culverts conveying the flow of an unnamed intermittent tributary to Hooker Creek. The Project is limited to the following actions: 1) cutting and removing approximately four to five feet of shotgunned culvert segments at the inlets, 2) directing flow into inlets by excavating and re-channelizing the stream for approximately 25 feet upstream of the inlets at a depth of one to two feet, 3) removing existing concrete inlet armoring, 4) installing geotextile fabric and one to two-foot diameter rock slope protection (RSP) at the inlets, and 5) laying back approximately 35 linear feet of cutbank surrounding the culvert outlets, keying in two to three-foot diameter RSP along the toe, and armoring the remainder of the slopes with one to two-foot diameter RSP.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Quailridge Ranch Estates Homeowner’s Association, as represented by Jeff Houser.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1**; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, 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.

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project consists of improvements and maintenance of an existing culvert facility with no expansion of use.

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