

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Bean Creek Meadow Restoration Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0163-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur in and adjacent to Bean Creek and four unnamed tributaries to Bean Creek, located within the Bean Creek Preserve at 10505 Fiske Road in the community of Coulterville, Mariposa County, California; NE ¼ of Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 17 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Coulterville; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 004-140-001-00 and 004-140-037-00; MDB & M; Latitude: 37.75397° and Longitude: -120.140331°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0163-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Sierra Foothill Conservancy.

The Project includes activities related to the reconstruction and refinement to correct the design of the previously-installed plug-and-pond restoration method used during the Bean Creek Meadow Restoration Project located within Bean Creek Preserve. Activities include the lowering of the previously-placed plugs and the installation of engineered streambed material rock riffles in their place to resist erosion and incision to the raised channel alignment. Material excavated from the lowering of the plugs will be used to partially fill Ponds 3 through 7 and a portion of Pond 2, which are expected to fill over time and create additional emergent wetland habitat. The Project will also include the construction of a berm at the eastern margin on Pond 2 to hydrologically isolate a portion of the Pond 2 from where Bean Creek flows through the Pond. Additionally, the Project will include the stabilizations of tributaries and repairs to existing headcuts at four locations within the site, including two (2) eastern tributaries to Pond 1; one (1) western margin to Pond 6; and one (1) western tributary location that will include the installation of culverts and an energy dissipater and the expansion and widening of the western tributary Pond.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in a small habitat restoration activity over a total of approximately 2.983 acres. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0163-R4.

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