

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Amador State Route-49 Culvert Replacement Project; 10-1E910 (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. AMA-22860-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Big Indian Creek, in the County of Amador, State of California; Latitude 38.5208675, Longitude -120.8481155; Section 26, Township 8N, Range 10E of the Mt. Diablo Meridian, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle map Fiddletown.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number AMA-22860-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation.

The project is limited to the replacement of a culvert located on SR 49. Herbaceous vegetation (predominantly Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*)) around the inlet and outlet of the culvert will be trimmed level with the ground to provide worker and equipment access. The existing 24-inch diameter by 45-foot-long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert will be excavated from within the roadway and replaced with a 30-inch diameter by 45-foot-long reinforced concrete pipe culvert. No rock slope protection, headwalls, or flared end sections will be added to the replacement culvert.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (2(c) and 4(f)); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15302 and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The project falls under Class 2 (c) Categorical Exemption because it consists of the replacement of existing facilities (one culvert) where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and negligible expansion of capacity. The project falls under Class 4(f) Categorical Exemption because it consists of minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is to be restored. The project will involve the alteration of non-native vegetation, but will not remove healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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