

Notice of Exemption



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Project Title: Crystal Lake Hatchery Intake Repairs

Project Location (include county): 40158 Baum Lake Road, Cassel, Shasta County; 40.925437, -121.541029

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (Department) Crystal Lake Hatchery (Hatchery), in coordination with the Department’s Yreka Screen Shop, and in compliance with activities described by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service’s (USFWS) *Intra-Service Biological Opinion on the Rock Creek Meadow Restoration Project, in Shasta County* and *Safe Harbor Agreement between Pacific Gas and Electric Company, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Shasta Crayfish Located on Rock Creek, Shasta County* will repair the Hatchery water intake structure located on Rock Creek.

The Hatchery water intake structure was relocated in 2015 as part of a larger effort to reintroduce Shasta crayfish (*Pacifastacus fortis*) to Rock Creek. That intake structure has shown increased seepage in and around the structure with the rate of seepage increasing with time. Department staff will use hand tools and manual labor to dewater the two areas needing repair and will then pour a small concrete cap over the leaks. Concrete will be mixed on site using a small portable mixer.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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 project seeks to repair an existing water supply facility. The location of repairs itself does not contain habitat for sensitive species, no mature vegetation of scenic resources will be impacted, and no sites of historic significance will be modified in any way.

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