

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Independence Lake Dam Spillway Maintenance Dredging (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SIE-23857-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Independence Lake, in the County of Sierra, State of California; Latitude 39.450033, Longitude -120.288049; 10 Independence Lake Rd. Sierraville, CA 96126; Assessor's Parcel Number: 019-060-006-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number SIE-23857-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Truckee Meadows Water Authority.

The project is limited to the dredging and removal of approximately 50-75 cubic yards of material from the 0.55-acre Independence Lake spillway channel. The head of the earthen spillway channel will be reshaped to maintain functionality and the required discharge capacity into Independence Lake. No water will be present in or near the spillway channel during project activities

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Classes (1 & 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301, 15304 (g))

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is class 1 exempt because it consists of the maintenance and minor alteration of an existing structure involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. This project is class 4 exempt because it consists of minor alterations to land through maintenance dredging which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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