

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Butte Creek Debris Removal (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. COL-30155-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at eight (8) locations in the "Butte Sink", Colusa County, State of California. Sites 1 and 2 are located on Angel Slough between White Mallard Weir and Sanborn Slough BiWeir. Sites 3-8 are located between Drumheller Weir and White Mallard Weir on Butte Creek. Locational information for each site is as follows: Location 1: Angel Slough (39.339579, -121.897766); Location 2: Angel Slough (39.338001, -121.897399); Location 3: Butte Creek (39.326898, -121.903430); Location 4: Butte Creek (39.326661, -121.903706); Location 5: Butte Creek (39.318781, -121.905377); Location 6: Butte Creek (39.312661, -121.907830); Location 7: Butte Creek (39.309981, -121.908334); and Location 8: Butte Creek (39.296054, -121.914400).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Habitat Conservation Program has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number COL-30155-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant CDFW North Central Region Fisheries Program, represented by Anna Allison, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory).

The project is limited to the removal of logs and debris from 2 sections on Angel Slough (Sites 1 and 2) and 6 sections from Butte Creek (Sites 3-8) in the "Butte Sink" to remove migration impediments for adult spring-run Chinook salmon. Removal of logs/debris will be performed with a hydraulic excavator with a thumb attachment. Access to the removal sites will require clearing of riparian vegetation using the excavator and/or other equipment. Mature trees will be flagged, and their removal will be avoided to the maximum extent possible. If any mature trees need to be removed, the root ball will be left intact. For Sites 1 and 2, removed logs/debris will be stockpiled between Angel Slough and the nearest levee road and Permittee will work with the property owner for later disposal. For Site 3-8, the property owner will designate a stockpile location and will dispose at a later date. The project will result in temporary impacts to approximately 0.47 acres (20,403 square feet) of perennial streambed and 0.46 acres (19,892 square feet) of riparian vegetation.

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:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Classes 1 and 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301 and 15333).

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Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 and Class 33 because the project consists of the maintenance of Butte Creek and Angel Slough stream channels to restore fish passage to the upper reaches of Butte Creek for spring-run Chinook salmon. The project does not exceed five acres in size.

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