

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Grimmer Property Drainage Improvements (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. COL-22492-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at South Branch Sand Creek and Salt Creek, in the County of Colusa, State of California; Latitude 39.062786, Longitude -122.041344 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number COL-22492-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Chuck Grimmer.

The project is limited to the annual removal of up to 7,000-cubic-yards of accumulated sediment, gravel, and invasive upland herbaceous vegetation from the beds of South Branch Sand and Salt Creeks. The sediment and gravel buildup reduces the potential flow volume of the systems and increases the rates of erosion and potential for flooding. The annual removal maintenance work should reduce the flood risk to property and reduce the frequency and intensity of implementing erosion control measures.

All work will be conducted when both creeks are dry. The staging areas will be on existing paved roads, or will be on disturbed, unvegetated turnouts. All excavated spoils will be stored at least 150-feet away from the waterway before being properly disposed of or used on-site to reinforce the levee. Accumulated sediment removed during project work that is to be repurposed for levee repair will be stabilized either mechanically (e.g., track-walked, tamped, or otherwise compacted) or through the use of hydroseed, so as to prevent loose sediment from entering the creeks once flow returns. No riprap or structures will be placed in the creek. No native vegetation will be removed as part of project activities.

The project will be completed using hand tools, an excavator, a tractor puller, and a dump truck, and a conveyor belt.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Chuck Grimmer

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project falls under a Class 1 Categorical Exemption because it involves the maintenance of an existing stream channel for the preservation of downstream flow with no expansion of existing or former use. The project falls under a Class 4 Categorical Exemption because it

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involves minor alterations in the condition of the land and it does not include the removal of mature, healthy, or scenic trees.

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