
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 28 July 2022

Project Title:

Bone Ranch Wet Meadow Enhancement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately 12 miles southwest of the town of Alturas, California on County Road 54.
Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 10 East, MDB&M.
Nearest City: Alturas
Latitude: 41.4174° and Longitude: -120.7672°

Project Location - County:

Modoc County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to restore hydrologic function to wet meadow within the project area by slowing flowing water down and spreading it out over a greater surface area to better irrigate wet meadow vegetation. The project will also remove a manmade agricultural ditch that is facilitating subsurface drainage of the wet meadow and conveyance of water offsite.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 27.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A25CR00064.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that (a) there would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065; (b) there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed; and (c) the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15333 because the project's sole purpose is wet meadow habitat restoration and is less than 5 acres in size.

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Date: _____

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