

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Watson Creek Remediation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-13969-R11)

Project Location (include county): The project site is located at 1101 Forest Service Road 37N08YB in the Watson Creek – East Fork Trinity River Watershed in the vicinity of Coffee Creek in Trinity County; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APNs) 007-160-005-000, 007-170-001-000, 007-170-002-000, 007-170-003-000, 007-170-006-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) No. EPIMS-13969-R11, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ka Hang.

This project has been proposed to conduct ongoing maintenance of an existing low-water stream crossing on Watson Creek and to remedy existing Fish and Game Code violations by addressing obstructions caused by two existing, mis-aligned, and undersized stream crossings and the installation of a step-pool impoundment on an unnamed stream. Existing stream crossings will be re-aligned with the natural channel and sized to meet 100-year flow design minimizing risk of failure and clogging due to sediment, while the impoundment structure will be hand-removed to allow natural flows to return to the stream.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Ka Hang

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemptions. Types:
 - Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302**, Existing facilities. Operation, repair maintenance, or minor alteration to existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
 - Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304**, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project involves the ongoing maintenance of an existing stream crossing and the replacement and re-alignment of two existing stream crossings with similar structures that are appropriately designed and sized to withstand 100-year flows. Lastly, hand removal of debris used to create an existing impoundment structure will restore natural flows to an unnamed stream channel to protect and enhance downstream habitat for fish and wildlife resources. This project will not result in significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065, nor will the project 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.

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