

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 14054 – Wills Pond Maintenance and Expansion (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-29436-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Mud Creek, in the County of Butte, State of California; Latitude 39.49328, Longitude -121.49582 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees) 14504 Richardson Springs Road, City of Chico, CA 95973, Assessor's Parcel Number 047-280-104.

Project Description: The project is limited to the maintenance and expansion of an existing cattle stock pond on an unnamed drainage. Maintenance activities include outfall valve replacement, installation of an overflow outfall including rock slope protection, and removing accumulated sediments. In addition, the pond will be expanded 0.04 acres for a new total size of 0.20 acres. Approximately 683 cubic yards of native material will be excavated and removed from the pond. Activities performed prior to the issuance of this agreement include replacement of the outfall valve, installation of the outfall structure and rock slope protection, and some sediment removal.

No in-water work will be required, construction activity will occur while the existing drainage are dry. All dredged spoils will be placed a minimum of 150 feet from the pond and all other waters of the state. Removal of mature trees and riparian habitat will not be required. Following removal of accumulated sediment all disturbed soils will be compacted and seeded with a native seed mix. Heavy equipment to be used may include an excavator, backhoe, and compactor.

Equipment to be used includes a 55HP Kubota tractor with bucket and E55 Bobcat mini excavator. The site will be accessed using the existing gravel roads.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Jess Wills

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4(g) minor alterations of land; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15304).

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 because maintenance dredging and pond expansion will not require removal of mature trees and all spoils will be deposited in an area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies.

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