

**Notice of Exemption****- 1 -****To:**

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Central Region  
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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Moccasin and Priest Reservoir Diversion System Routine Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. TEO-26286-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project includes maintenance projects that will occur at four locations, with two at the Moccasin Reservoir and two at the Priest Reservoir in Tuolumne County, California. At Moccasin Reservoir, the Grizzly Creek Bypass is located on the north side of the reservoir approximately 0.1 miles west of the town of Moccasin, and the Moccasin Creek Bypass is located on southeast of the reservoir, approximately 0.1 miles south of the town of Moccasin. At Priest Reservoir, the Rattlesnake Creek Diversion and Rattlesnake Diversion debris screen are located on the north side of the reservoir, approximately 1.6 miles east of the town of Moccasin.

Location 1a – Grizzly Creek Bypass: 37.81195, -120.302120; APN 057-070-003

Location 1b – Moccasin Creek Bypass: 37.80751, -120.297826; APN 057-070-003

Location 2a – Rattlesnake Creek Diversion: 37.80515, -120.265612; APN 057-220-001

Location 2b – Rattlesnake Diversion Debris Screen: 37.80707, -120.267065; APN 057-220-001

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TEO-26286-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Project maintenance activities include the removal of accumulated sediment, debris, and vegetation from bypass structures at Moccasin Reservoir and Priest Reservoir. Sediment, debris, and vegetation will be removed once each year between June 1 and December 30. If flowing water is present at any location, a coffer dam with water diversion or an exclusion barrier will be temporarily constructed to create dry working conditions for the maintenance project.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1(b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project includes the maintenance of existing publicly-owned structures with no expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TEO-26286-R4.

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