
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: 10 February 2023

Project Title:

Salt Creek Gravel Injection 2022 Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude: 40.591667° and Longitude: -122.433611°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to improve spawning conditions through the injection of spawning gravel in the river system that is no longer naturally able, due to the Shasta and Keswick Dams. The Project consists of placing spawning gravel into the river where it will naturally migrate downstream with sufficient high flows. Approximately 12,000 cubic yards of spawning gravel will be imported from a commercial source for spawning habitat improvement and 15 cubic yards for a possible temporary culvert for project site access.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Regional General Permit 16.

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. 5A45CR00629.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

William Vanderwaal
Reclamation District No. 108
975 Wilson Bend Road
Grimes, CA 95950

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, 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 salmonid habitat restoration and is less than 5 acres in size.

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