

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Boca Unit Restoration (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. NEV-36361-R2)

Project Location: The project is located in the Truckee River near river mile 23 in Nevada County. The project area is six miles east of Truckee at roughly 5,500 feet elevation, centering on 39.373297, -120.104486, on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 048-220-005-000 and 048-220-006-000. The project area is an approximately 11-acre area accessible via a gravel parking area adjacent to I-80 eastbound about three miles past the Overland Trail exit. The project area is state-owned land managed by CDFW at the Boca Unit of the Truckee River Wildlife Area.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number NEV-36361-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Truckee River Watershed Council, as represented by Michele Prestowitz.

The project is limited to excavation of anthropogenic fill, creation of an inset floodplain bench, activating and stabilizing high-flow channels, native surface road consolidation and decommissioning, reconfiguring a historic borrow site to capture stormwater runoff from I-80, and revegetation with native seed and materials salvaged onsite. The project's 6.7-acre construction footprint is designed to directly benefit 11 acres of riverine, wetland, and montane riparian habitats and indirectly benefit four acres of adjacent upland habitats beyond the project area, including sagebrush, bitterbrush, and montane chaparral through improved connectivity.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption. Public Resources Code Section 21080.56

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project fulfilled the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 21080.56 by receiving the CDFW Director's concurrence in 2022: Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects Concurrence No. 21080.56-2022-007-R2.

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