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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Lassen

From: (Public Agency): Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(Address)

Project Title: Elysian Creek Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Joe Egan, 707-885 Winfield Road E., Janesville, CA 96114

Project Location - Specific:

Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 117-700-43-11, 129-650-35-11, 129-650-36-11

Project Location - City: Janesville Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to initiate restoration of natural processes that self-sustain healthy valley bottoms and riparian habitats. Four (4) rock check structures, three (3) post-assisted beaver dam analogues (BDAs), three (3) rock rundowns, and six (6) one-rock dams crossing Elysian Creek will be installed. Rock check dams and beaver dam analogs in Elysian Creek are expected to provide protection against excessive runoff by trapping sediment during times of excessive water flow rate. Long-term effects will include reduction in bank erosion, head cutting, and channel incision. Beaver dam analogues are low-tech woody structures designed to facilitate process-based restoration of stream and riparian areas. These structures are built with natural vegetation and sod woven around untreated wood posts. Structure lifespan is short, but promotes the natural accumulation of sediment and natural debris to replace itself with more long-lived materials. The consequent slowing of water flow through the valley is expected to recharge the groundwater and supply the valley floor with enough water to improve wildlife habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Natural Resource Conservation Service

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is less than five acres in size. Its primary purpose is the restoration of the creek channel and associated wetland wildlife habitat.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bryan Talmadge Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 542-5422

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: May 12, 2023 Title: Executive Officer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____