



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
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 14 June 2023

Project Title:

Ross Ranch Off-Stream Livestock Watering Project
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: 11973 Old Oregon Trail
Section 10, Township 32 North, Range 4 West, MDB&M.
Nearest City: Redding
Latitude: 40.637750° and Longitude: -122.306850°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed activity is part of a USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service cost-share funded project with The McConnell Foundation that will expand off-stream livestock water on a year-round cattle-grazing ranch with the overall benefit of reducing negative impacts of cattle watering directly from watercourses. The project includes tying into an existing gravity-fed livestock watering system and trenching 1,965 feet of pipeline to provide livestock water to a new 500-gallon trough in an adjacent field where cattle currently water directly from creeks.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 23.

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. 5A45CR00637.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Sarah Jarrett
The McConnell Foundation
800 Shasta View Drive
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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, article 19, section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorical Exempt under CEQA section 15304 because the Project involves minor alterations to land with no removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:

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