
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
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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: 11 July 2023

Project Title:

Mountain Meadows Creek Restoration Project
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: Road 2800
Section 24 and 25, Township 28 North, Range 9 East,
MDB&M.
Nearest City: Westwood
Latitude: 40.26565° and Longitude: -120.90571°

Project Location - County:

Lassen County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project proposes to restore meadow floodplain function and water table elevation within the 441.35-acre project area by eliminating channel incision and reactivating historic flow paths on the meadow surface. Restoration will be accomplished using partial channel fill, complete fill, rock riffles, sod riffles, and removal of encroaching conifers from the upper meadow and riparian corridor.

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 27.

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. 5A18CR00032.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is statutorily exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code, section 21080.56 subdivision e (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects).

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Statutorily Exempt under California Public Resources Code, section 21080.56, because the Project is exclusively a project to restore and enhance habitat for California native fish and wildlife. Concurrence was issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on 16 June 2023.

Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:

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