
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: 25 July 2023

Project Title:

Middle Creek Salmon Spawning Habitat Project
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: Middle Creek Road
Nearest City: Redding
Latitude: 40.596662° and Longitude: -122.439449°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will provide improved spawning conditions along the right bank of the Sacramento River, immediately downstream of the confluence of Middle Creek and the Sacramento River. Fish spawn in areas that have moving, shallow water positioned next to deeper areas that can be used for refugia. Existing and new spawning gravel will be placed in a manner that creates additional spawning areas at this location, consisting of increased spawning bed areas at deeper depths.

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. 5A45CR00643.

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 categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, article 19, section 15333 (Small Habitat Restoration Projects), which consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15333 because the Project involves enhancement of habitat for fish and is less than five acres in size.

Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:

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