

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-CAL-41841-R2, Bear Creek Bridge & Waterhole

Project Location: The project is located within the boundaries of timber harvesting activities in Calaveras County, within CALWATER watershed Bear Creek; Township 7N, Range 14E, Sections 29, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Quad Map Devils Nose; Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-CAL-41841-R2 Timber, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Nevada Irrigation District.

The project is limited to the installation of a bridge and the maintenance of a waterhole on a Class I watercourse, Bear Creek. At this site, the culvert crossing failed due to high flows from winter storm events rendering the road unusable. Due to the crossing failure, sediment has also accumulated in the downstream in-channel waterhole. Work shall entail removing the failed culvert, installing a bridge, and restoring the waterhole. The project is tied to CAL FIRE exemption number 4-23EX-00134-CAL.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Sierra Pacific Industries

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: This project involves minor alteration to land and water and does not impact special status species or the habitat on which they depend.

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