

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Paynes Creek Bend Water Users Fish Passage Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS_2022_26761_R1I)

Project Location (Tehama): The Project is located on Paynes Creek, approximately 2.5 miles upstream of the confluence with the Sacramento River, east of the town of Bend, Tehama County, California. Section 14 and 15, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, MDB&M. Latitude: 40.280° and Longitude: -122.167°

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-2022_26761_R1I, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Trout Unlimited.

The Project will replace the current Bend Water Users water diversion with an on-channel cone screen. A roughened rock ramp consisting of a series of three boulder weirs will be installed to facilitate fish passage and provide gradient control at and over the sill of the existing diversion, which will remain in place. Approximately 1,100 feet of the unlined diversion ditch will be replaced with enclosed piping and buried. The existing fish screens will be removed and the bypass return channel will be decommissioned and left in place.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

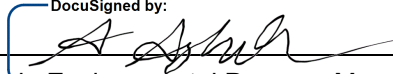
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Trout Unlimited

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: California Department of Fish and Wildlife 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.

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