

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Smith Pier Replacement (Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. LAK-41632-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Clear Lake, in the County of Lake, State of California; Latitude 39.01901, Longitude -122.75080- (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees) 1610 East Lake Drive, Kelseyville, CA, 95451; Assessor’s Parcel Number [044-164-030-000].

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. LAK-41632-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Bruce Smith.

The project is limited to the removal of an existing pier and float as well as the construction of a new pier structure. The new pier will consist of a 5-foot by 80-foot pier, a 3-foot by 24-foot gangway, and a 22-foot by 28-foot floating dock. Thirteen (13) metal piles will be driven with a drop hammer from a floating barge with crane to support the new pier. The existing pier and twenty-eight (28) wood piles will be removed and disposed of offsite. No native riparian vegetation or trees will be impacted as a result of project activities.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Bruce Smith

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1, 2 and 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301, 15302 and 15304)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 because the repair and maintenance involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Class 2 because the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. Class 4 because the project is a minor alteration to Clear Lake and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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