Notice of Exemption

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Department of Fish and Wildlife 1701 Nimbus Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



Project Title: Magalia Dam – Geotechnical Survey (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-41704-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Magalia Reservoir, which is north of the intersection of Skyway and Dogtown Road in Magalia, in the County of Butte, State of California at six locations: 1) and 2) Latitude 39.8162, Longitude -121.5830; 3) and 4) Latitude 39.8158, Longitude -121.5840; 5) Latitude 39.8169, Longitude -121.5850; and 6) Latitude 39.8184, -121.5860.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number BUT-41704-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Paradise Irrigation District as represented by Tom Lando.

The project consists of conducting six geotechnical borings into the Magalia Reservoir bed to assess the foundation conditions of the upstream buttress and the geotechnical properties of the proposed borrow materials. A barge-mounted drill rig equipped with mud rotary and rock coring drilling equipment will bore below the bottom of the reservoir bed, and all boreholes will be backfilled upon completion. A temporary access route and launch site for the barge, trailer, and support boat along the shoreline will be established to allow access to the water during project activities.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Paradise Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves subsurface investigations to provide engineering soil properties and evaluate site conditions for future dam maintenance and construction.

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