

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Northern Region
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Project Title: John Thornton Gravel Extraction (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-TEH-46341-R1)

Project Location (Tehama): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Reed's Creek in the County of Tehama, State of California; latitude 40.151384, longitude -122.332640; section 32, Township 27N, Range 04W, U.S. Geological Survey Red Bluff West (USGS) map Corning quadrangle, Mount Diablo base and meridian; 18810 Live Oak Road, Red Bluff, Assessor's Parcel Number 022-220-015-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-TEH-46341-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to John Thornton.

This project consists of the annual removal of up to 500 cubic yards of overburden gravel material from dry gravel bars above the low flow channel. Project-related activities will occur along the unnamed tributary where it bisects the subject parcel. Overburden material will be extracted by skimming off the top of gravel bars with heavy equipment such as a loader. There will be no removal of healthy, mature, native or scenic trees as a result of the project. Bamboo, pampas grass and other invasive species will be removed as feasible. The natural gradient, contour, and meander of the stream channel will be followed, and no depressions will be created that allow for ponding of water. The gradient will be maintained in such a way that water will run in the low flow channel. Re-stabilization of the banks will occur as needed by placing skimmed material in eroded or failing areas. Stockpiles will be located in an upland area away from the stream where they cannot be inundated by winter flows or return to the channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: JohnThornton

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304**, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, including grading of land with a slope of less than 10 percent.

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Reasons why the project is exempt: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, scenic trees.

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