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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 23 January 2023

**Project Title:**

5A47CR00063 Sisson Meadows Wetland and  
Pollinator Restoration Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Address: East Castle Street  
Assessor Parcel Numbers: 057-331-020 & 057-331-040  
Nearest City: Mount Shasta  
Latitude: 41.316553° and Longitude: -122.309597°

**Project Location - County:**

Siskiyou County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Project will restore the hydrology of the wet meadow by reversing incision of an unnamed creek that flows through the meadow and raising the water table in the meadow. The project proposes to construct 36-38 willow weave structures, spaced approximately 20 feet apart, throughout 750 feet of the creek. The willow structures will be built during low flow periods, or when the creek is dry but the soil in the channel is moist, so that the cuttings can be easily pushed by hand into the creek channel. Willow cuttings will be harvested from around the seasonal wetland and the upstream (northern) section of the creek.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:**

**Federal Agencies:** The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 27.

**State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:**  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office.  
WDID No. 5A47CR00063.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

David Johnson  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1829 S. Oregon Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

**Exempt Status:**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region 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.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15333 because the Project involves wetland and native plant restoration and is less than five acres in size.

**Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District  
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**State Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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Chief Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** Senior Environmental Scientist

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

cc: David Johnson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yreka  
Kasey Sirkin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District  
Stacey Alexander, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Redding  
Siskiyou Land Trust, Mount Shasta