

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1 - Northern
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Project Title: French Creek Diversion 47A

Project Location Siskiyou County: 4017 S. State Highway 3, Etna, Siskiyou County CA 96027. French Creek at State Highway 3.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is proposing to install an off-channel vertical fish screen at an existing water intake called Diversion 47 on French Creek a tributary of the Scott River. Currently, water is diverted at a headgate into a 24” pipe for 75’ and enters a diversion ditch with an existing fish screen 1000 feet east of the supply headgate of the diversion ditch. The 1000-foot distance to the existing fish screen is problematic and can lead to fish stranding. The project proposes to place a new fish screen within 20 feet of the supply head gate which will eliminate the fish stranding. The screen will allow water to continue in the diversion ditch but will enable fish to return to French Creek. There will be two pipes installed that exit the screen and return to French Creek. One 10-inch diameter pipe will return fish to French Creek, a second 18-inch diameter pipe will be for seasonal maintenance. The existing fish screen will be dismantled and removed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it does not exceed five acres in size and is for the protection of fish species.

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