

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Butte Creek House Meadow Restoration (Project) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. BUT-39638-R2)

Project Location: The Project is located at Butte Creek, in the County of Butte, State of California; 40.08526, -121.40959; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 060-140-010 and 060-170-002. The Project site is accessed via Humbug Road and sits at an elevation of 5,800 feet, surrounded by a ridge system that increases to approximately 7,000 feet. The Project area is approximately 7.5 miles east of the town of Butte Meadows.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Number BUT-39638-R2 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for the Project, which will be carried out by Butte County Resource Conservation District. The Project is limited to restoration of the Butte Creek House meadow, which includes installation of approximately 52 post-assisted log structures (PALS) and/or beaver dam analogs (BDAs), reinforcement of 15 existing log check dams with felled trees, implementing headcut treatment, filling the incised channel, construction of 4 rock cross vanes in a riffle, selective removal of encroaching lodgepole pine, excavation of an anthropogenic sediment mound, and planting of riparian shrubs. The Project will restore hydrological function and structural complexity to increase habitat diversity and resilience to climate change.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Butte County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: CDFW has determined that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. CDFW's determination is supported by (1) Butte County Resource Conservation District's April 14, 2023, initial determination as lead agency that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director's May 30, 2023, concurrence with that Butte County Resource Conservation District determination, which is available at wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences.

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