

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Sacramento, CA 95814)

Project Title: 02-4H030 SR89 PM 12.9 & 20.6-21.0 Crescent Mills CAPM (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLU-46876-R2.)

Project Location: The project is located at multiple locations including Indian Creek, Dixie Creek, Wolf Creek and their unnamed tributaries; an unnamed tributary to North Fork Feather River, East Branch North Fork Feather River, in the County of Plumas, State Route (SR) 89 from Post Mile (PM) 12.9 to 20.0 and PM 20.6 to 21.0, State of California; Longitude 40.070368, Latitude -120.948135.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLU-46876-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

This project involves replacement and rehabilitation of seven (7) deteriorating culverts between PM 13.50 and 18.54. The project is part of the larger Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM) project along SR 89. All the corrugated steel pipe (CSP) culverts will be replaced, upsized, and extended. The proposed culvert replacement at PM 13.50, PM 14.82, PM 16.77, and PM 18.38 will utilize the "cut and cover" method. Some culverts, specifically at PM 18.35, PM 18.47, and PM 18.54, will be replaced utilizing a trenchless/ jack and bore method. All culvert locations will include installation of new culvert headwalls, culvert flared end sections (FES), rock slope protection (RSP), 10' debris walls, and Midwest guardrail systems (MGS). Most of the FESs are precast, and headwalls are often precast, but might be cast in place. In addition, a wildlife undercrossing will be installed at PM 18.38 and will include associated wildlife fencing and jump outs.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301-15333)

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Categorically Exempt. Class – 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, Article 19
Categorical Exemption sections 15301; Existing Facilities, Class 1 (c)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project falls under Class 1 (c), Categorical Exemption because it consists of repairing or minor alteration of existing facilities (seven culverts) on the highway involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project will involve the alteration of non-native vegetation, but will not remove healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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