

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Eastside Lane Rehabilitation Project Phase 2, Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS - MOO-44253

Project Location (Inyo County): The Project is located in the unincorporated community of Walker approximately 1.8 miles north of U.S Route 395, west of Cranney Lane, east of Eastside Road, and south of Larson Lane, in the County of Mono, State of California. The waterway associated with this Project is Lone Company Irrigation Ditch. The first culvert in the Lone Company Irrigation Ditch is located at Latitude 38.544564, Longitude -119.461341, and the second culvert is located at Latitude 38.534896, Longitude -119.460571.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification EPIMS - MOO-44253, to Mono County (Permittee), pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code.

The Project is limited to the in-kind replacement of two existing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) 35"x24" arch pipe and 36" in diameter culverts on Lone Company Irrigation Ditch with new CMP culverts crossing Eastside Lane at two locations. Each culvert will be excavated using one of the following methodologies: the existing pavement will be sawcut at the width of the trench (approx. 5' in width), each culvert will then be replaced in-kind, the pavement will be pulverized after the culvert is installed then the road will be paved over. Alternatively, the pavement will be pulverized at each culvert location first, then each culvert will be replaced in-kind concurrently with the rehabilitation work prior to paving. The process for replacing the existing asphalt pavement will be Full Depth Reclamation. This process involves a grinder/pulverizing machine that will pulverize the existing pavement and base material to a depth of approximately 6 inches. This pulverized asphalt and base material is then used in-place to create a new base grade for new road asphalt. Equipment to be used includes an excavator, backhoe, Rammax, blade/grader, sheepsfoot roller, smooth drum vibratory roller, concrete truck, and jumping jack.

The Project will impact 0.005 acre of riparian vegetation and resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602. Impacts will result from the replacement of two CMP culverts caused by vegetation disturbance and various ground disturbing activities such as excavation, grading, and compaction required for the replacement of the two CMP culverts. No vegetation will be removed as part of this Project. This Agreement authorizes a total impact of 0.005 acres to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mono County

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption
 Categorical Exemption: Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

Reasons why Project is exempt: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, this Project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and

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other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes). This project consists of rehabilitation of an existing public facility (road) with no expansion of the facility or use in the associated communities. The proposed Project meets the requirements of this exemption; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.



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