

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk  
 County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency): Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley, 11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(Address)

Project Title: Church Meadow Restoration Project

Project Applicant: South Yuba River Citizens League

Project Location - Specific:  
 Church Meadow is located in Sierra County northeast of the unincorporated community of Bassetts at the headwaters of the North Yuba River within the Tahoe National Forest (lat: 39.671244°, long: -120.614135°)

Project Location - City: Bassetts Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
 The Project will restore meadow habitat by constructing Beaver Dam Analogs and Post Assisted Log Structures in incised stream channels within Church Meadow. The structures will be constructed out of conifer or alder materials that will be harvested within or adjacent to the meadow using hand tools.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Yuba River Citizens League

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15333: Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
 The project is a restoration project that will result in the restoration and enhancement of wetland habitat within Church Meadow by correcting stream incision through the placement of structures that will mimic natural wood jams and beaver dams. The project area will not exceed 5 acres, and the structures will be constructed using hand tools.

Lead Agency Nicholas Savino Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 464-4920  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Anne Walters Digitally signed by Anne Walters  
Date: 2024.08.23 14:17:45 -07'00' Date: 8/23/2024 Title: Env'I Program Manager

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.