
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 19 November 2024

Project Title:

Coleman National Fish Hatchery Intake 3 Fish Screen Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: Along Coleman Fish Hatchery Road
approximately 0.75 miles east of 24411
Coleman Fish Hatchery Road
Nearest City: Anderson
Latitude: 40.401111° and Longitude: -122.129722°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project purpose is to (1) meet federal and state regulatory requirements to reduce take of listed and non-listed anadromous salmonids through application of appropriate screening criteria; (2) provide a reliable, high quality water supply in sufficient quantity to meet hatchery operational needs; and (3) provide sufficient access and response time to intake structures to assure proper operation and maintenance of the intake structures and water delivery system.

The Project proposes to replace three of four fish screens at existing Intake 3 of Coleman National Fish Hatchery (CNFH). Four fish screens were installed at CNFH Intake 3 in 2007 but they failed to meet the screening needs for the intake. Since 2007, two of the screens have remained in their gates while the other two have been removed from their gates and are stored on site; however, none are operational.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 33, Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A45CR00666.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, article 19, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, which consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is categorically exempt under CEQA section 15333 because the Project involves enhancement of habitat for fish and is less than five acres in size.

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