

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title: Theodore Noel** (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SHA-52215-R1

**Project Location (Shasta):** The project is located at an unnamed tributary to the Fall River, in the County of Shasta, State of California; Latitude 41.06914, Longitude -121.48702; sections 2 and 3, Township 37N, Range 04E, Mount Diablo base and meridian, in the Fall River Mills U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle; 41842 McArthur Rd. Fall River Mills Assessor’s Parcel Number 023-540-071-000.

**Project Description:** The project consists of the installation of a permanent 60-inch diameter by 30-foot long high density polyethylene culvert stream crossing. The crossing will be utilized for worker access to agricultural areas. Permanent fill will be placed to create the new crossing. Additionally, approximately 10 cubic yards of sediment and vegetation will be removed downstream of the McArthur Road county bridge, where debris, invasive weeds and sediment have accumulated in the channel and are causing flooding on the road during high flow events. The work will be completed with an excavator, backhoe, and dump trucks for fill delivery. The total disturbed area for the project is approximately 2,000 square feet. After construction is completed, the area will be stabilized with mulch and reseeded.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Theodore Noel

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303** Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel.
  - (d)** Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 4, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304** Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.
  - (g)** Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies.

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is limited to one crossing to serve as driving access to areas on the parcel for agricultural purposes and removal of invasive vegetation in the channel that is causing localized flooding on the county road during high flow events.

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