

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
County Clerk (County of): N/A	Attention: Aaron N.K. Haiman

Project Title: Rough Creek Native Fish Restoration

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 The project occurs on many parcels, located in T05N R27E, T04N R26E, T05N R26E, T06N R26E, T06N R25E of the USGS Dome Hill 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map.

Project Location – City: Bridgeport

Project Location – County: Mono

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 This implementation project will remove non-native trout from 24 miles of the Rough Creek watershed, a tributary of the Walker River, and introduce a complex native fish assemblage. This will be accomplished by installing a fish barrier at the confluence of Rough Creek and the Walker River, up to three years of electrofishing the entire Rough Creek watershed to remove non-native trout, and then reintroduction of the native fish assemblage (Walker-strain Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Paiute Sculpin, Lahontan Redside Shiner, Lahontan Speckled Dace, Mountain Whitefish, Tahoe Sucker, and Mountain Sucker. The Rough Creek watershed is located in Mono County. [Proposition 1, Water Code Section 79733]. WCB Project Tracker ID 2023232.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Rebecca J. Fris, Deputy Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
 Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
 Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Sec. 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Project
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 The project area will not exceed five acres and will include restoration, enhancement, and protection of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and surrounding habitat with no significant adverse impact on listed species.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebecca J. Fris

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 212-5637

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, (by this notice) No

Signature: Signed by:
Rebecca J. Fris **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 2/28/2025

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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