

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Gratten Creek Diversion and Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-42676-R1)

Project Location: The Project is located on Gratten Creek, tributary to North Fork Swift Creek, in Trinity County, Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 007-290-006-000 & 007-290-016-000, latitude 40.97280, longitude -122.74110, section 14, Township 36N, Range 08W, Trinity Center U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-42676-R1 pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Doren Morgan.

On June 29, 2023, CDFW staff conducted a site visit to 780 Gratten Flat Road in Trinity Center. During the visit, staff observed a stream obstruction (concrete placed in the channel to create a diversion pool) and an active diversion of stream flow without prior notification to the Department pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602.

The Project is limited to: 1) the continued use and maintenance of an existing diversion of Gratten Creek for domestic purposes including: household, irrigation, fire suppression, and electricity generation, and 2) the remediation of streambed impacts resulting from the unauthorized stream obstruction identified during the site visit.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Doren Morgan

Exempt Status:

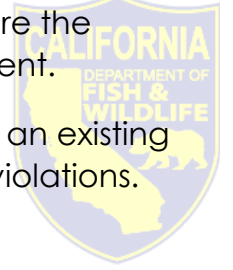
- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption.

Class 1, Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, 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.

Class 8; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308, Actions taken by

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regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.



Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of the continued use of an existing diversion facility and actions intended to remediate Fish and Game Code violations.

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