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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Mobility Impaired Fishing Access Pier

Project Location (include county): Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (GLWA) is a part of the Department of Fish & Wildlife's (Department) North Central Region (NCR). It is located in the Northern Sacramento Valley of California, in the heart of rice country, and just north of the Sutter Buttes and east of the Butte Sink. The area is bordered by rice fields to the north and east, with wetlands to the west and orchards to the south. The GLWA is located in both Butte and Sutter counties and can be located on the Pennington USGS 7 ½ minute quadrant, number 561D.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has submitted a grant application to construct a mobility impaired fishing pier adjacent to the existing mobility impaired access in Parking Lot 14.

The proposed project will construct a new mobility impaired accessible fishing pier and a paved path leading to the fishing pier to provide safe and fair access to fishing opportunities for the mobility impaired recreationist. A portion of the pond will be recontoured to remove accumulated sediment and increase the footprint of fishable habitat around the fishing pier. WCB funds will be used to cover the costs associated with constructing the fishing pier, paved path and recontouring the fishing pond. As of August 2018, the mobility impaired parking lot has been resurfaced and repainted, the dilapidated wheel chair accessible wildlife viewing platform has been replaced and the mobility impaired "Wildlife Discovery" nature trail has been resurfaced.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Andrew Atkinson

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. California Code of Regulations, § 15311. Accessory Structures

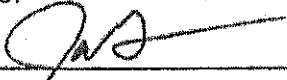
Reasons why project is exempt: This project consists of the construction of a minor structure to enhance the existing mobility impaired facilities on Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, and to improve safety and access to existing infrastructure for the public.

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