

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
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State Clearinghouse Number:

Project Title: MONTGOMERY CREEK HYDROELECTRIC ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PROJECT (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0213-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Montgomery Creek, in the County of Shasta, State of California; Latitude 40.837N, Longitude 121.939W; Montgomery Falls Road, 3 mi North of Hwy 299E Montgomery Creek, CA 96065

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0213-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to EL DORADO HYDRO, LLC.

The project is limited to routine maintenance activities at the Montgomery Creek Hydroelectric Facility. Routine maintenance activities are defined as those activities periodically scheduled and implemented as necessary to maintain the structural and functional integrity of the facility for which a notification of streambed alteration (Form FG 2023) would otherwise be required. Such routine maintenance activities are further described in Exhibit A – Covered Activities but in general include activities associated with maintaining, in an as-built condition, the free flowing passage of water through existing structures and maintaining the structural and functional integrity of facility, existing roads, paths, stream crossings, and bank revetment sites, as well as maintaining access to those features.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: EL DORADO HYDRO, LLC

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301**, 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why project is exempt: Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, and minor alteration of existing private hydroelectric structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of CDFW's determination.

CDFW Contact Person: Adam McKannay, Senior Environmental Scientist – Supervisor, (530) 225-2124

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam McKannay".

Date: 07/18/2019

Adam McKannay
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