

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Best Slough Restoration Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0211-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Best Slough, tributary to the Bear River, in the city of Wheatland, the County of Yuba, State of California; Latitude 39.036655 N, Longitude -121.462984 E, Township 14N, Range 5E, Section 30 of the Wheatland 7.5 minute U.S. Geological Survey map; Assessor's Parcel Number 015-100-052.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0211-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sarbjit Singh Thiara.

The project is limited to the stabilization and reseeding of the banks of Best Slough, in areas where large trees and vegetation were removed, and caused erosion. In order to achieve bank stabilization, the applicant proposes the following:

- adding erosion control devices such as coconut fiber mats and straw wattles;
- placement of hydroseed in those barren areas and in need of plant growth to ensure soil integrity; and
- mapping total acreage present along Best Slough so that mitigation planting ratios can be established for long-term restoration goals.

Locations where bank stabilization actions are advised based on severe steepness of the following nine (9) areas along the slough where either steep banks and/or sparse vegetation (i.e., barren earth) requires the addition of elements specified below: coconut fiber mats and/or hydroseeding. Straw wattles will extend the length of the top of the bank parallel to the slough at all nine areas. Thus, in these top of bank areas, the prevention of erosion should occur with wattle. In turn, as the banks extend downward toward the slough, the following GPS'd areas will receive the fiber mats and/or hydroseeding as specified below:

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Sarbjit Singh Thiara

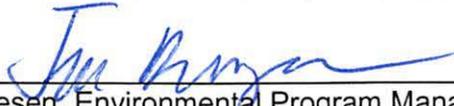
Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves only minor alterations to land and water and will not remove any mature or healthy trees.

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