## **Notice of Exemption**

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region 2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100 Fairfield, CA 94534



Project Title: Mission Peak Lease Livestock Water Distribution Project (Request No. 1652-2018-023-001-R3)

Project Applicant: Tim Ramirez, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located in the Alameda Creek Watershed in Santa Clara County at approximately 37°28'49.94" N latitude and 121°51'17.89" W longitude. The Assessor's Parcel Numbers are 02939007, 02939008, 02939006, and 02939005.

**Project Description:** Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Mission Peak Lease Livestock Water Distribution Project submitted by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The Project includes installation of a spring box along 10 linear feet of stream bank to divert water from Wool Flat Spring. Approximately 17,000 linear feet of pipeline will be installed within grasslands from the spring box in the northern end of the Project area to the south end of the Project area. Along the pipeline alignment, two 5,000-gallon water tanks and eight 600-gallon water toughs will be installed. Total area of impact is 0.819 acres. The Project will provide a net benefit to CTS, CRLF, and Alameda whipsnake by introducing grazing in under grazed areas, resulting in a decrease of grass and herb height and density, allowing for easier movement and dispersal. Providing water sources to cattle within uplands, away from the drainage, will reduce grazing within the riparian area which will improve habitat for CRLF.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

**Exempt Status:** 

☐ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size for maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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