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**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
 State Clearinghouse  
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 [IMS: A-08]  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

**Attention:** Adam Ballard

**Project Title:** Shasta River Fish Passage and Instream Habitat Enhancement

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location - Specific:** 41.634514, -122.490481

**Project Location - City:** Grenada

**Project Location - County:** Siskiyou

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The goal of the project is to improve habitat conditions, water quality, and fish passage on the mainstem Shasta River. The project includes replacement of a flashboard dam structure with a roughened channel, fish screen relocation and improvements, and irrigation pipeline installation. Relocating the fish screen to the point of diversion will reduce fish entrainment in irrigation canals and eliminate the need for the existing fish return bypass channel, which results in warm water discharges to the Shasta River and potential fish stranding. Piping irrigation water will reduce ditch loss in the system and will result in a reduction of the quantity of water diverted.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):  
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:  
 Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:  
 Categorical Exemptions:

Section 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land; consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Section 15333, Class 33, Small Habitat Restoration Projects; consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project will address a fish passage velocity barrier on the Shasta River, provide adequate fish screening at an existing point of diversion, and improve existing irrigation conveyance facilities. The project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, and wildlife.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** John P. Donnelly

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 445-0137

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.  
 2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes (by this notice)  No

Signature: John Donnelly Date: 4/2/2020 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

**Date received for Filing:**

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cc: WCB Binder  
 WCB Surname  
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