

Notice of Exemption**To:**

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Region 1 - Northern
 601 Locust Street
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**Street Address:**

1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: 2-20EM-00020-SHA, "North Fork Headwaters" (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0107-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on North Fork Cottonwood Creek and Unnamed tributaries to North Fork Cottonwood Creek in the North Fork Cottonwood Creek planning watershed (CalWater Number 524.350102); in the County of Shasta, State of California; Township (T)31N, Range (R)07W, Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and T32N, R07W, Section 33; U.S. Geological Survey map, Shasta Bally base and meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0107-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Tom Harrington for the purposes of salvage logging under Emergency Notice of Timber Operations exemption 2-20EM-00020-SHA approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The project is limited to 16 encroachments including repair or replacement of failed culverts and excavation of debris and aggraded sediment from the stream channels at nine existing culvert crossings; establishment of one rock ditch to convey spring flows to the inlet of an existing culvert crossing; decommission (removal) of one failed bridge crossing; temporary installation of one multiple-culvert crossing; channel bank repair at one site of bank erosion that may include temporary installation of a multiple-culvert crossing to cross heavy tracked equipment to access dry portions of the stream channel and extract rock material from the streambed to rock armor the site of bank erosion; and the diversion of water at three existing crossings.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Tom Harrington, Representative for Sierra Pacific Industries, Managing Entity for the Landowner, Sierra Pacific Land and Timber Company

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301: Class 1 – 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; and Class 4 – Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic, trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: This project meets the criteria for exemption because it consists of the use of existing facilities for water drafting and minor alteration to land to repair existing failed watercourse crossings.

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