

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Manning Creek Fish Passage Enhancement (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0038-R2)

Project Location: The project is located on Manning Creek, tributary to Clear Lake, at 3357 Highland Springs Road, in the City of Lakeport, County of Lake, State of California; Latitude 39.007591, Longitude -122.897282.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0038-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to California Department of Fish and Wildlife – North Central Region.

The project is limited to the installation of a fish ladder at an existing cement low water crossing on Manning Creek. The existing concrete low water crossing has been acting as a fish passage barrier to Clear Lake hitch (*Lavinia exilicauda chi*); this project will allow access to spawning habitat upstream of the crossing. Work includes attaching a 12-foot long mild steel ramp downstream of the cement crossing. The ramp will be constructed offsite. The ramp will measure approximately five feet wide at the crossing attachment, 12 feet long, and three feet wide at the downstream entrance. Six to 10 wedge anchors and multiple hinges will be used to attach the ramp to the crossing. Work also includes relocating one to six boulders in the channel downstream of the ladder and trimming back approximately 80 square feet of willows overhanging the creek. The project will be completed when the Manning Creek is dry in the late summer, early fall. The project is expected to take two days to complete on site.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife – North central Region Fisheries Program

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4 and 33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and 15333 (Small Habitat Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: This project involves a small habitat restoration project and minor alteration to land by constructing a fish ladder to improve access to spawning habitat.

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