## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 1 - Northern 601 Locust Street Redding, California 96001



**Project Title:** Huff Stream Stabilization and Domestic Diversion (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-34536-R1)

**Project Location:** The project site is located at 2670 Tule Creek Road in the Tule Creek Watershed in the town of Hayfork in Trinity County; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 016-170-005-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) No. EPIMS-34536-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Eric Huff on behalf of L&M Ranch.

The project seeks to permit the ongoing maintenance and operation of an existing domestic water diversion pursuant to the owner's legal water right and also covers stabilization of the stream bed and bank following removal of a separate water diversion structure on Tule Creek and a buried vehicle impacting the streambank.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Eric Huff (L&M Ranch)

## **Exempt Status:**

□ Categorical Exemptions. Types:

Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, Existing facilities. Operation, repair maintenance, or minor alteration to existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Class 8; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308, Actions taken by regulatory agencies to maintain, restore, enhance, or protect the environment.

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project seeks to permit the ongoing maintenance and operation of an existing domestic water diversion pursuant to the permittee's legal water right and involves no expansion to existing or former use. In addition, this project seeks to stabilize, enhance, and restore the natural stream bed and bank following removal of a buried vehicle and water diversion infrastructure. This project, as carried out in accordance with the Agreement will not result in significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat.

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