

Notice of Exemption**To:**

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From:

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State Clearinghouse Number: n/a

Project Title: Merchants Bar EM Temporary Watercourse Crossing (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0199-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on the Little West Fork Feather River, which is a tributary to the West Branch feather River, which flows to Lake Oroville, in Butte County, State of California. The projects are located on the Paradise East U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map, Township 20N, Range 6E, and Section 23; Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0199-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sierra Pacific Industries.

The project is limited to the installation and removal of one temporary crossing (50) within the footprint of Camp Fire. Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), Under the Merchant Bar EM shall remove trees burned as a result of the Camp Fire. SPI needs to cross the Little West Fork Feather River to access the area with the burned trees. Upon completion of the work SPI shall return the watercourses to its original alignment and gradient.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Pacific Industries

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. California Code of Regulations, Title 14 § 15301, Repair or Replacement of Existing Facilities; § 15304. Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt: This project installs a temporary crossing over the Little West Fork Feather River. The crossing is an existing facility, is temporary, and allows for fish passage. When the crossing is removed the watercourse shall be returned its original alignment and gradient. Activities will have no impacts on sensitive species or habitats.

Department Contact Person: Steven Cordes, Environmental Scientist, (916) 247-2436

Signature: _____

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Date: _____

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Jeff Drongesen, Environmental Program Manager

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