



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District
P.O. Box 266
Tahoma, CA 96142

PROJECT TITLE: Lake Valley SRA Upper Truckee River Restoration Project – Reach 7

LOCATION: Lake Valley State Recreation Area

COUNTY: El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The Project will restore geomorphic and ecological function to a 1.5-mile reach of the Upper Truckee River by creating a wider river corridor that functions under current hydrologic conditions, reconnects the river to its active floodplain, and enhances aquatic and riparian habitats. This work will result in improved river and meadow conditions and greater habitat complexity and diversity. The Project is designed to benefit aquatic and terrestrial species in the area, including, but not limited to, Lahontan cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus henshawi henshawi*), western pearlshell (*Margaritifera falcata*), and Paiute sculpin (*Cottus beldingii*).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Statutory Exemption

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) under Public Resources Code section 21080.56. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director's concurrence 21080.56-2026-108-R2: Lake Valley SRA Upper Truckee River Restoration Project – Reach 7 attached.

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