

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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1400 Tenth Street  
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**Project Title:** Cooley Ranch Culvert Replacement (Request No. 1652-2019-028-001-R3)

**Project Applicant:** Bob Cooley, Cooley Ranch Company.

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located on Cooley Ranch Rd, on the Cooley Ranch within the Dry Creek watershed above Lake Sonoma, within the County of Sonoma (See Figure 1). The Project is located approximately 24 driving miles east of Cloverdale at approximately 38° 47' 28.71"N, 123° 09' 18.88"W.

**Project Description:** Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Cooley Ranch Culvert Replacement submitted by Cooley Ranch Company.

The Project includes the replacement of a failed 10-foot diameter culvert, that was washed away several years ago, with an open bottom arch culvert that will be approximately 10-feet tall, 20-feet wide, and 70-feet long which, spans Rail Creek at the confluence of Rail Creek and Dry Creek. Rock rip-rap slope protection and a concrete headwall will also be constructed upstream and downstream of the new culvert. The total impact to the stream channel will be approximately 0.083 acres and 100 linear feet. The project will require crossing of the wetted channel of Dry Creek with heavy construction machinery to obtain construction site access.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Cooley Ranch Company

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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