

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**  
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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** LaCount Pond and Stream Crossings (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0131-R1)

**Project Location:** The project to be completed is located within the East Branch Eel River watershed, approximately 9 miles east of Piercy, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 21, T5S, R5E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Harris U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 216-026-012.

**Project Description:** The project is limited to 3 encroachments (Table 1). Two (2) proposed encroachments include upgrading and decommissioning stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly sized crossings, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. One encroachment includes decommissioning an onstream pond.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Eric Walz

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project includes upgrading existing watercourse crossings and a pond spillway. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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