

Notice of Exemption

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From: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Project Title: Smith River Alliance - Delilah Creek Project
Project Location - Specific: 41.927141° N, 124.174041° W

Project Location - City: Smith River

Project Location - County: Del Norte

Description of Project: The purpose of the Project is to restore channel function within the project reach and to facilitate surveys necessary for developing a stream restoration plan for Delilah Creek. Downstream of Sarina Road, the Delilah Creek channel has an extensive infestation of non-native Reed Canary Grass (RCG). Upstream of Sarina Road, the Delilah Creek channel is covered with dense Himalayan blackberry. Due to these dense non-native plant species, topographic and water quality surveys necessary to accurately assess habitat and channel conditions for restoration planning are not possible. The goal of the Project is to conduct three actions required to collect data and conduct surveys necessary for development of a stream restoration plan for Delilah Creek. Those actions are to remove floating RCG, remove Himalayan blackberry, and establish groundwater monitoring wells.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Smith River Alliance, Marisa Parish Hanson

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); (5268):
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption; Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects
Statutory Exemptions; State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The purpose of the Project is to restore channel function within the project reach and to facilitate surveys necessary for developing a stream restoration plan for Delilah Creek.

Lead Agency Contact: Jake Shannon

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If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

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Signature: Matthias St. John

Date: June 18, 2020

Title: Executive Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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