

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: City of Fortuna Watermain Replacement Appurtenant Culvert Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0279-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Lower Eel watershed, within the City of Fortuna’s limits, County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 01, T2N, R1W, Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Fortuna U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 202-051-008; latitude 40.5897N and longitude -124.13440W at the encroachment.

Project Description: The project is limited to 1 encroachment. The proposed encroachment is a culvert draining subsurface culverted stormwater from surrounding suburban and agricultural areas into Strong’s Creek a tributary to the Eel River. The work required is to maintain and upgrade a failing and undersized culvert draining into a stream crossing. Work for this encroachment 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.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: W. John Gray Construction for City of Fortuna

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project replaces an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. 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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