

Notice of Exemption

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From: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Project Title: Trinity-Weaverville Road Repair Project (Project)
Project Location - Specific: 40.74255184° N, 122.7705569° W

Project Location - City: Weaverville

Project Location - County: Trinity

Description of Project: The purpose of the Project is to conduct maintenance of access roads and stream crossings that provide access to Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) towers for inspection and repair work along 60kV transmission line. The Project consists of road grading, cleaning out culverts, constructing road features to redirect stormwater off roadways and away from waterways, and armoring two low-water crossings.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Michael Prowatzke, WAPA

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 15301 (b)(c) Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemptions; State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing structures, including access roads and watercourse crossings that access utilities that provide electric power. The Project will not result in the expansion or use beyond what currently exists and will increase public safety. The Project includes adding rock armor to two existing watercourse crossings, re-establishing natural drainage patterns to reduce erosion and improve water quality at eight intermittent/ephemeral creek crossings, and restoring an historic watercourse diverted by a road to resemble more historic conditions. Road treatments include outsloping, re-grading, and the construction of rolling dips. These treatments will reduce road erosion and fine sediment delivery to watercourses and will hydrologically disconnect numerous sections of road from tributaries within the Lewiston Lake and Trinity River watersheds.

Lead Agency Contact: Shannon Strong

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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: September 15, 2020 Title: Executive Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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