

Notice of Exemption

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To:

Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail:
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1 – Northern
619 Second Street
Eureka, CA 95501

**Street Address:**

1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Willow Brook Ditch Maintenance (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0156-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Willow Brook watershed, 4 miles south of Eureka, County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 32, T4N, R1W, Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Fields Landing U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 311-211-003.

Project Description: The project is limited to one encroachment. The project goal is to maintain approximately 3,500 feet of drainage channel between July 1 and September 1, 2020. Approximately 2,000 feet of the channel is perennial, while 1,500 feet is ephemeral. Channel flow capacity reduction is the result of increased aquatic vegetation density and decreased sediment routing. Reduce channel capacity has increased adjacent pasture flooding depth and rate. Maintenance activities includes removal of vegetative material and sediment deposits from the drainage ditch channel and channel reshaping. Where water is present on site, a coffer dam will be installed utilizing hay bales and plastic with water being pumped downstream of the site. Excavation and channel maintenance will not be allowed in flowing water. Due to the length of the project area, installation of more than one coffer dam will be required. Upon completion of work in any channel reach (not to exceed 1,000') such coffer dams shall be removed and any flow present reestablished. During this maintenance activity the excavated material will be placed on stable areas adjacent to the channel and shaped, or placed in stock piles and allowed to dry sufficiently to be handled. Stockpiles will be trucked to an appropriate disposal site off property. Any bare mineral soil developed during the excavation, outside the ditch channel, will be seeded to grass at the rate of 30 lbs. per acre.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Jack McBride

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 maintenance of an existing channel and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as when the channel was initially constructed. 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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