

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** South Eel River Bridge Geotech Drilling Project EA 01-0A131 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-17429-R1C)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the South Eel River Bridge (Bridge No. 10-0236) south of the unincorporated town of Dos Rios on State Route (SR) 162 in Mendocino County at post mile (PM) 8.2 at Latitude 30.37318, Longitude -123.20452.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-17429-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Caltrans is planning to conduct a geotechnical design investigation for the Eel River Bridge (Br. # 10-0236) located in Mendocino County on State Route 162, Postmile (PM) 8.2. The purpose of the investigation is to assess subsurface conditions. This investigation is needed to identify proper foundation upgrades. Two borings will be drilled next to existing piers into the riverbed. Boring depths are not expected to be more than 100 feet.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Transportation

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* 6/10/21  
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