

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** James Creek East Safety Project EA 01-0J120 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-18399-R1C)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located on State Route 20, between post miles (PM) 20.0 and 20.3 in Mendocino County, approximately 12 miles west of the town of Willits.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-18399-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Caltrans is proposing to improve an existing compound curve, realign existing eastbound and westbound travel lanes, replace in kind the lower half of an existing culvert, create a gabion wall, widen and pave existing shoulders, add shoulder backing and replace existing centerline rumble strips.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Caltrans

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1(c); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project proposes minor modifications to existing facilities and would not have significant impacts to the environment. Work would take place entirely within existing Caltrans right-of way to improve safety on the curve.

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