

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
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County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Aaron N.K. Haiman

Project Title: Navarro River Streamflow Enhancement Implementation Project

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: APN: 02601023, 12929007

Project Location - City: Fort Bragg

Project Location - County: Mendocino; **CEQA Region:** N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This implementation project is focused on increasing dry season flows in the Navarro River watershed that will benefit Coho Salmon and Steelhead. Recovery plans have identified dry season flows as a key limiting factor to salmonid recovery. High priority recovery actions include decreasing dry season water diversions, increasing off-stream water storage capacity, and increasing water dedications for instream flow.

This project will: A) implement a 120,000-gallon rainwater catchment, irrigation use efficiency upgrades, and a forbearance project (this will increase off-stream storage capacity and decrease dry-season diversion. It will also dedicate water to instream flow); B) implement a groundwater infiltration project (this will increase groundwater storage capacity); and C) conduct long term monitoring by maintaining the associated gauge network and infiltration baseline data collection. These projects will benefit Coho Salmon and Steelhead in the Navarro River watershed. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022022.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: 15301, 15303, 15304
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

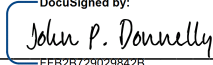
Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves minor alterations to an existing structure on property owned by Camp Navarro, and so qualifies as a Class 1, Existing Facilities project. The project also involves modifying the Camp Navarro lodge roof, and so qualifies as a Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures project. The project further involves minor changes to the land and water on property owned by the Mendocino Redwood Company, and so qualifies as a Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

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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 (by this notice) No

Signature: DocuSigned by:

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Date: 5/27/2022

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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