

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Sun+Earth Capacity Building Grant

**Project Applicant:** Sun and Earth Certification, Inc.

**Project Location:** The cannabis farms evaluated as part of the Project are in various watersheds in six northern California counties including: Lower South Fork Eel River, Mattole River, Middle South Fork Eel River, Horse Linto Creek-Trinity River, and Lower Van Duzen River in Humboldt County; East Fork Russian River and Navarro River in Mendocino County; Lower South Fork Trinity River in Trinity County; Lower South Yuba River and Yuba River in Nevada County; and Middle Creek in Lake County.

**Project Description:** CDFW's Cannabis Restoration Grant Program awarded Sun and Earth Certification, Inc. a grant (Agreement #Q2291201) for the Sun+Earth Capacity Building Grant (Project). The purpose of this Project is to systematically evaluate and gather information about approximately 50 Sun+Earth certified cannabis farms to identify, plan and design high-priority, viable, restoration projects. The project activities will focus on gathering sufficient data about the Sun+Earth Certified farms to then submit a proposal for shovel-ready implementation projects that will help cultivators overcome barriers of transitioning from a provisional license to an annual license and/or help them enhance their sustainable cannabis cultivation practices. Twenty-four farms in Humboldt County, twelve farms in Mendocino County, six farms in Nevada County, two farms in Sonoma County, one farm in Trinity County, and one farm in Lake County are proposed for evaluation for participation and as potential candidates for future implementation projects as outcome of this grant project.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Andrew Black, Executive Director, Sun and Earth Certification, Inc.

**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code section 21102 (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15262)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project involves the feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that the agency has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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