

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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1400 Tenth Street  
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**Project Title:** Casino Mine Ranch Pond (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. AMA-22956-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located in Sobon Creek at 22333 Ostrom Road, Fiddletown, in the County of Amador, State of California; Latitude 38.532710, Longitude -120.766302; Township 8N, Range 11E, Section 22 of the Fiddletown U.S. Geological Quad map; Assessor's Parcel Number 014-140-006-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number AMA-22956-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Richard Merryman.

The project is limited to the removal of sediment from an on-stream pond and removal of understory vegetation surrounding pond. Approximately 20 cubic yards of sediment will be removed using an excavator. Approximately 300 square feet of overgrown blackberry and willow will be removed by hand and by excavator from the bank of the pond. The pond is seasonal and will be dry during operations.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Richard Merryman

**Exempt Status:**

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15304

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project is exempt because it consists of a minor alteration of land which will not result in the removal of any sensitive species habitat, or mature or scenic trees.

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