

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Wages Creek Permanent Bridge Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-28315-R1)

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the Wages Creek watershed, approximately 0.7 miles north of the town of Westport, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 29, T21N, R17W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Westport U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 013-240-51; latitude 39.64943 N and longitude 123.78276 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-28315-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Melissa Schnetgoecke, representing Westport Beach RV Park and Campground.

The project is limited to one (1) encroachment. The encroachment is for modification of a permanent bridge across Wages Creek. Work for this encroachment will include separating the existing bridge deck from the abutments, modifying the abutments to elevate the deck as designed by Chapman Engineering, and installation of the new bridge deck and support beams. Fill material retained by pre-cast blocks will be added to the bridge approaches to accommodate the increased bridge deck elevation.

No work shall occur in the wetted portion of the channel. Construction activity shall be restricted to the banks of Wages Creek, and shall not include driving through or working within the wetted portion of the stream. Tarps shall be extended beyond the existing bridge to entirely capture falling debris from the bridge, and all debris shall be manually removed from Wages Creek streambed. Appropriate erosion control measures shall be applied during and after project activities to prevent sediment delivery into Wages Creek. No concrete will be poured on site.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

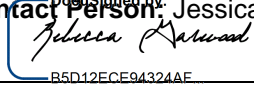
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Melissa Schnetgoecke, representing Westport Beach RV Park and Campground

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 and 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: The Wages Creek Permanent Bridge Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1 and 2, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and 15302 because the project consists of the repair of an existing structure in the same location and will serve the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, with no expansion of use.

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