

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Point Arena Cove Maintenance at Point Arena Creek project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-31197-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the Point Arena Creek watershed, in the town of Point Arena, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 11, T12N, R17W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Point Arena U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 027-041-45; latitude 38.914159 N and longitude 123.709576 W at mouth of Point Arena Creek.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-31197-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Kirk Vodopals, representing the City of Point Arena.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site inspection on May 12, 2022. The project is limited to one (1) reoccurring encroachment for the removal of tidal deposited materials (cobbles and driftwood) from the bar at the mouth of Point Arena Creek, and the dry stream channel and stream banks above the creek mouth immediately adjacent to the City of Point Arena - Arena Cove Parking Lot. Removal of debris and riparian vegetation at the parking lot drain outlet is also authorized.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Kirk Vodopals, representing the City of Point Arena

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemptions. Types – Class 1 and Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The Point Arena Cove Maintenance at Point Arena Creek project meets the criteria for categorical exemptions types Class 1 and Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15304 because the project consists of maintaining the Point Arena Cove parking lot and visitor access area to meet current standards of public health and safety, and because a minor alteration to land and water is occurring that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees or vegetation.

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Date: 12/07/2022

Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

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