

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Redwood Creek, SF Eel Watershed Enhancement

**Project Applicant:** Salmonid Restoration Federation (SRF)

**Project Location:** The project will occur on 150 acres of privately owned land located at APN: 220-211-001-000, and APN: 220-091-025-000 in the Briceland area of the Redwood Creek Watershed, which flows into the South Fork Eel River in Humboldt County, California.

**Project Description:** CDFW's Cannabis Restoration Grant Program awarded SRF a grant (Agreement #Q2191201) for the Redwood Creek, SF Eel Watershed Enhancement (Project). The Project will assist cannabis cultivators design and permit multiple forest thinning pilot projects with the goal of reducing evapotranspiration and enhance dry season streamflows. The forest thinning will serve as a pilot project to guide future forest management efforts with the specific objective of better defining the nexus to flow enhancement benefits. The project team will coordinate with landowners to seek input and identify forest thinning opportunities and constraints with a focus on flow enhancement benefits. The Project team will develop a preliminary study plan and opportunities and constraints. Based on initial findings and Study Plan, characterization of the thinning sites will be conducted, including the following assessments: timber, botanical, wildlife, cultural resources, hydrology, and geology. Findings will be summarized in reports that guide and support subsequent project phases. The project will also include a robust monitoring component.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Dana Stolzman, Executive Director, Salmonid Restoration Federation

**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:** The project involves the feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions that the agency has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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