

Notice of Exemption

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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Holland Reservoir, SF Eel Planning and Assessment

Project Applicant: Salmonid Restoration Federation (SRF)

Project Location: The project will occur on privately owned land, located at 3000 Branscomb Road in Laytonville, California (APN: 014-400-59) in Mendocino County.

Project Description: CDFW's Cannabis Restoration Grant Program awarded SRF a grant (Agreement #Q2291207) for the Holland Reservoir, SF Eel Planning and Assessment (Project). The Project will conduct assessments of the Holland Reservoir and water supply distribution system to support flow enhancement opportunities in Cahto Creek, including: bathymetric survey, water level gauging, biological, water delivery system investigation, and identification of all water use by co-owners. The project will facilitate dialogue among the existing water right co-owners and their successors, record a water rights agreement clarifying quantity of water per owner and cost-sharing responsibilities, negotiate water conservation agreements, and file an amendment to the existing water right. These assessments and agreements will support development of 65% designs for an optimized distribution system and a plan to manage the reservoir for dry season flow enhancement. The project will also develop 30% and 65% engineered designs to restore approximately 2,500 feet of Cahto Creek to its historic watercourse through decommissioning a series of old mill ponds and a massive diversion channel.

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 includes the feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions that the agency has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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