

## Notice of Exemption

---

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
[CEQA Submit](#)

**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Northern Region  
619 Second Street  
Eureka, California 95501  
Contact: Jessica Ryan



Phone: 707-445-6493

**Project Title:** Formoso Seasonal Low Water Crossing Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-33060-R1)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 12 miles north of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 31, T21N, R13W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Dos Rios U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 035-350-63; latitude 39.626227 N and longitude 123.345911 W at the project site.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-33060-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jennifer Formoso.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site inspection on September 7, 2022.

The project is limited to one (1) encroachment. This encroachment is for seasonal maintenance and use of an existing low water crossing within Outlet Creek. Maintenance will include relocation of up to 40 cubic yards of dry gravel materials (located outside of the wetted channel) annually using heavy equipment. Heavy equipment will cross the wetted channel twice per year (one pass each direction) and vehicle crossings will be limited to a total of 40 crossings per year (20 passes each direction).

**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 4; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Formoso seasonal low water crossing project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 4; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304 because the project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. There will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species, or their habitat pursuant to Section 15065.

**CDFW Contact Person:** Jessica Ryan, Environmental Scientist, 916-208-5190, [jessica.ryan@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.ryan@wildlife.ca.gov)

Signature:  Date: 10/17/2022

Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_