

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Alexandre Dairy Reservation Ranch Water Diversion Project (EPIMS-DEL-20582-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Smith River watershed, approximately 1.7 miles southwest of the community of Smith River, County of Del Norte, State of California. The project is located in Section 34, T18N, R01W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Smith River U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 103-020-074; latitude 41.9135 N and longitude -124.1713 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The project is limited to 1 encroachment. The encroachment is for water diversion from the Smith River. Water is diverted for irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include construction of a concrete pad to support the irrigation pumps and use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Howard, Alexandre Dairy

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304, Minor alteration in the condition of land and water.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project proposes to continue operation of an existing agricultural water diversion to maintain existing pasture for dairy cattle production. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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