

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Briceland CSD Water Diversion and pipeline Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-28787-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located in the Eel River watershed, approximately 1.25 miles north of the community of Briceland, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Sections 7 and 18, T04S, R03E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 220-272-024 (stream diversion), 220-331-013 (pipeline crossing); latitude 40.1254 and longitude -123.9018 at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The project is limited to 2 encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Miller Creek. Water is diverted for municipal use. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The other proposed encroachment is to replace an existing pipeline crossing. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing pipeline and concrete abutments, replacement with new concrete abutments and pipeline, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Briceland Community Services District

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, Existing Facilities and Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of an existing structure and the replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. 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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