

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: King McDowell Creek Bridge Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-35905-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the McDowell Creek tributary to Dooley Creek in the Russian River watershed, approximately 3.25 miles east of Hopland, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 22, Township 13N, Range 11W, Mt Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Hopland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 050-030-21-00; latitude 38.9686 N and longitude 123.0560 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-35532-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ron King, representing Selway Family Foundation.

The project is limited to one (1) encroachment for the installation of a 40' long railcar bridge spanning McDowell Creek. The encroachment will include piledriving bridge supporting piles to a depth of at least 20' of penetration, welding attachment of the pile caps, piledriving wingwall piles to a depth of at least 10' of penetration, welding attachment of steel plate wingwalls, backfilling and compaction of fill materials on the approaches, placing and welding attachment of the prefabricated bridge, and revegetation of the streambanks upstream and downstream of the crossing.

This Agreement does not include rock armoring of the crossing, or the use of riprap or other material other than revegetation for bank protection.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Ron King, representing Selway Family Foundation

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The King McDowell Creek Bridge Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves installation of a permanent bridge at an existing stream crossing location on an existing farm road. No mature, scenic trees will be affected by this project. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. 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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