

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** 2019 Storm Damage Repair at Moscow Road PM 12.55 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-23993-R3)

**Project Location (Sonoma County):** The project is located at the Russian River in Monte Rio, a census designated place in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.47228°, Longitude -123.01957°.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-23993-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works.

The project is limited to the repair of Moscow Road that failed during the 2019 and 2022 storms and flooding. The project will entail construction of two retaining walls and repair of the road prism. Two new retaining walls will be constructed on the downhill side of the roadway to restore lateral support to the roadway edge. The retaining wall will consist of an approximately 8-foot high and 60-foot-long concrete grade beam wall, that will be supported on nine 24-inch concrete cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) piles that will be approximately 20 feet deep and a 82-foot-long concrete grade beam wall with the same style of support infrastructure. The project will result in approximately 1,045 square feet of permanent impacts to riparian habitat, and approximately 2,439 square feet of temporary impact to riparian habitat. Access and staging for the project will occur within the existing roadway and roadside pullouts. No trees will be removed as part of this project, but several trees may be trimmed for site access.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Classes 1 and 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15303

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project consists of repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of an existing structure involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, including construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

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