

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: East Mill Creek Bank Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-19646-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 3/4 miles southeast of the town of Petrolia, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 3, T2S, R2W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Petrolia U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 105-071-006; latitude 40.3186 N and longitude 124.2761 W.

Project Description: The project is limited to one (1) encroachment for the installation of wood, rock, and native vegetation aimed at stabilizing an eroding bank and enhancing in-stream and riparian habitat. These treatments shall be implemented following established bioengineering and restoration practices, as described in the East Mill Creek Bank Stabilization and Habitat Restoration Plan prepared by Native Ecosystems, Inc. (Hugh McGee, Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner No. 1079 and California Licensed Contractor No. 1038624). This project involves excavation and backfilling adjacent to the existing channel, installing twenty (20) root wads with fifteen-foot boles at the toe of the unstable bank, installing willow mattresses and native riparian plants, spreading native seeds, and mulching. Additionally, five (5) in-stream habitat structures shall be placed upstream and adjacent to the bank treatments.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Hugh McGee, Native Ecosystems

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The project shall not exceed five acres and will promote the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. 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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