

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Project Title:** Akin Stream Crossing and Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-35921-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately eight miles southwest of the town of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 31, T14N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Elledge Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 046-310-24; latitude 39.0315 N and longitude 123.2210 W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-35921-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Lil Akin.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials, a CDFW site inspection on June 28, 2022, and CDFW staff consultation with the Permittee's representative.

The project is limited to one (1) encroachment to upgrade an existing stream crossing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, 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:** Lil Akin

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Akin Stream Crossing and Remediation Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 2; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302 because the project consists of 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.

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