

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**  
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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Region 1 – Northern  
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1400 Tenth Street  
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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** First Slough Fish Passage, Floodplain Restoration, and Coastal Habitat Connectivity Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-36413-R1C)

**Project Location:** The project is located within the Freshwater Creek watershed, within the City of Eureka, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Sections 23 and 26, T5N, R1W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; and in the Eureka U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

**Project Description:** The project is limited to three (3) encroachments. One encroachment is for stream restoration activities that include channel recontouring, alcove construction, and installing large wood enhancement features in First Slough between the Myrtle Avenue and 14th Street crossings. The second encroachment is for removing and replacing an undersized culvert on the 14th Street crossing on First Slough. The existing 2-foot diameter culvert will be replaced with a partially embedded 12-foot diameter culvert. The third proposed encroachment includes remediating two adjacent passage barriers at the N and M Street crossings on First Slough. The undersized culvert on N Street will be removed to daylight the existing channel. Additionally, the 2-foot diameter culvert on M Street will be replaced with an 8-foot diameter culvert.

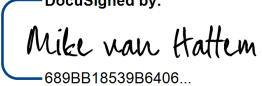
**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Eureka

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. Public Resources Code section 21080.56
- Categorical Exemption.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The restoration project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21080.56 subdivisions (a) to (d).

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