

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Waterfall Gulch Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-30986-R1C)

**Project Location:** The project to be completed is located in the Hare Creek watershed, approximately 3.75 miles southeast of the City of Fort Bragg, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 28, T18N, R17W, Mt Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Fort Bragg U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 019-460-21; latitude 39.3973 and longitude -123.7679 at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The project is limited to one encroachment. The encroachment is water diversion from Waterfall Gulch tributary to Hare Creek. Water is diverted for Municipal uses. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Fort Bragg

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of an existing structure. 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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