

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**Wildlife Conservation Board**  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

**Attention:** Hayley Pechner

**Project Title:** Mill Creek Fish Passage Planning

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

The project planning sites are located within the City of Fortuna. The following adjacent privately owned parcel information is provided in case the project occurs in portions of private property: downstream and upstream side of the Weber St. culvert crossing (203-322-018, 203-322-016, 203-323-001); downstream and upstream side of Rohnerville Road (203-302-018, 203-303-010); downstream and upstream side of Mill Street (203-281-008, 203-291-013, 202-342-006); and downstream and upstream side of Mountainview Road (202-342-005, 202-241-076).

**Project Location – City:** Fortuna

**Project Location – County:** Humboldt

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

The project purpose is to develop background studies, engineered drawings, and complete all compliance and permitting documentation to create a shovel-ready project that would remove four fish passage barriers and replace them with fish-friendly culverts in Mill Creek, a tributary to the Lower Eel River via Strongs Creek, in Fortuna, California. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023094.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Rebecca J. Fris, Acting Executive Director, WCB

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Rebecca J. Fris

**Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (916) 212-5637

**If filed by applicant:** 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.  
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes, (by this notice)  No

**Signature:** 

**Title:** Acting Executive Director

**Date:** 8/25/2023

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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WCB Board Meeting Folder