

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Laird Water Diversion Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-26650-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the Upper Navarro River watershed, approximately 5 miles northwest of the town of Philo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 34, Township 15N, Range 15W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Cold Spring U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 026-590-12; latitude 39.11654 N and longitude 123.51080 W at the first point of diversion (POD-1).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-26650-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Pamela Laird.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials, a CDFW site inspection on May 23, 2022, and CDFW staff consultation with the Permittee's designated representatives on June 8, 2022, and August 31, 2022.

The project is limited to two (2) encroachments. Encroachment 1 is for a surface water diversion from Mill Creek. Water from Encroachment 1 is diverted to irrigate approximately one acre of mixed vegetable and flower crops. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

Encroachment 2 is for a water diversion from a horizontal well from a spring that originates approximately 200 feet above Mill Creek. Water from Encroachment 2 is diverted for domestic use. 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

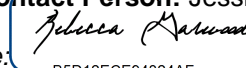
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Pamela Laird

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Laird Water Diversion Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project consists of the permitting, operation, and maintenance of an existing private structure that involves no expansion of existing or former use. The permitting of the two diversions will result in increased flows in Mill Creek, a Class I watercourse within the Navarro River priority watershed.

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