

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Sutcliffe Revegetation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-38486-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Mad River watershed, at 1120 Killdeer Road, in the town of McKinleyville, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 30, T7N, R1E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Arcata North U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 511-431-036.

Project Description: The project is limited to one encroachment for the revegetation of approximately 150-linear-feet of streambank and riparian corridor. As documented in the December 13, 2022, Notice of Violation, unauthorized habitat alteration (i.e. vegetation disturbance and/or removal in the riparian zone) occurred at the project location, in violation of FGC 1602; the proposed project shall be implemented to resolve the violation. Work for the project will include: installation of a border constructed of redwood split rails along the drainage easement to serve a visual boundary demarcating a "no-disturbance" buffer; retention and cultivation of existing native vegetation; management and suppression of Himalayan blackberry; and planting of new, native vegetation in accordance with the proposed planting palette submitted in the Notification. The Permittee shall be responsible for the successful establishment of native vegetation and conducting adaptive management as necessary to achieve a robust and enduring riparian buffer zone; annual monitoring and status reports shall be submitted for CDFW review.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Cynthia Sutcliffe

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 8; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15308

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of actions taken by a regulatory agency to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment. 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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