

**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:**

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Castle Rock Ridge Cannabis Cultivation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SON-07022-R3)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at a pond (Reservoir) at Latitude 38.49463, Longitude -122.59621, intercepting unnamed tributaries to Salt Creek and Santa Rosa Creek, at 2260 Los Alamos Road, in the City of Santa Rosa, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.493915, Longitude -122.596783; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 030-090-002-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS- SON-07022-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Patrick Bransford.

The project is associated with activities documented in a CDFW Notice of Violation dated July 20, 2022. Project activities covered under this Agreement are limited to a diversion of impounded streamflow from a single Point of Diversion (POD) within an existing 3.2 acre on-stream Reservoir and work associated with 6 culverts. Water will be diverted from the Reservoir using a submersible electric pump with a backup generator. Diverted water will be used to irrigate outdoor cannabis crops. Water will be diverted under existing basis of water right issued by the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Water Rights (Division; Permit ID: 018786, License ID: 012581). The water right specifies Reservoir storage is limited to 3.2 acre-feet per year. Total water diverted from the Reservoir directly and for consumptive use is limited to 3.0 acre-feet (977,553 gallons) per year. Water supply for the northern and southern cultivation areas will be supplied by water pumped from the Project POD and storage tanks between November 15 and March 31. The Reservoir will serve as the only cannabis irrigation water source.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Castle Rock Ridge, Inc., represented by Patrick Bransford

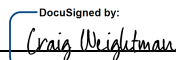
**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type –Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project involves a single point of diversion from a reservoir and the repair and/or replacement of 6 culverts within a similar footprint and will not significantly impact any sensitive resources.

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