

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Outlet Creek Geotechnical Boring Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-42129-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately four (4) miles north-northwest of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 25, Township 19N, Range 14W, Mt Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Willits U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 037-180-21-00; latitude 39.4650 N and longitude 123.3666 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-42129-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Howard Dashiell, representing Mendocino County – Department of Transportation.

The project is limited to one encroachment. The encroachment is for three (3) geotechnical borings in the floodplain of Outlet Creek. The encroachment work will include removing/modifying riparian vegetation, using a rotary wash drill rig to bore holes four (4) inch to six (6) inch in diameter up to 100 feet deep, incorporating drilling fluids, and backfilling the boreholes.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

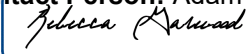
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Howard Dashiell, representing Mendocino County Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: The Dashiell Geotechnical Boring Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306 because the project will collect geotechnical data for the Reynolds Highway Bridge initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the Mendocino County Department of Transportation replacement of the bridge spanning Outlet Creek.

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