

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Sonoma County Water Agency
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County of Sonoma
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Project Title: Mirabel Water Diversion Structure General Maintenance

Project Location- Specific: The project site is located at the Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) Mirabel water diversion facilities at 10290 Westside Road, Forestville, California, approximately seven miles west of Highway 101 (Figure 1).

Project Location – City: Forestville

Project Location – County: Sonoma County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The nature of the project would be general routine maintenance activities for the Sonoma Water's Mirabel water diversion structure (inflatable dam, fish ladder and intakes). The maintenance activities would primarily include the removal of gravel deposited on top of and adjacent to the inflatable dam and any needed repairs to the dam to continue the operational function of the water diversion structure. The gravel removal would occur during low flow condition when the work area is not inundated by the active flows of the Russian River. The inflatable dam is a critical component of the Sonoma Water's water supply system for over 600,000 people in the region. Gravel material deposited on top of and adjacent to the dam after winter high flows does not allow the dam to be raised without causing damage to the dam. There often is not a lot of lead time as flows recede between being able to see how much material is on top of the dam and when the dam needs to be raised to meet community water supply demands. Sonoma Water is pursuing long-term routine maintenance permits for this maintenance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec.21080 (b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (b);
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project would result in the operation, repair, maintenance, and permitting of an existing public structure (Mirabel water diversion structure) that provides public utility services (water supply), involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The gravel removal would occur during low flow condition when the work area is not inundated by the active flows of the Russian River.

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Signature

General Manager

Title

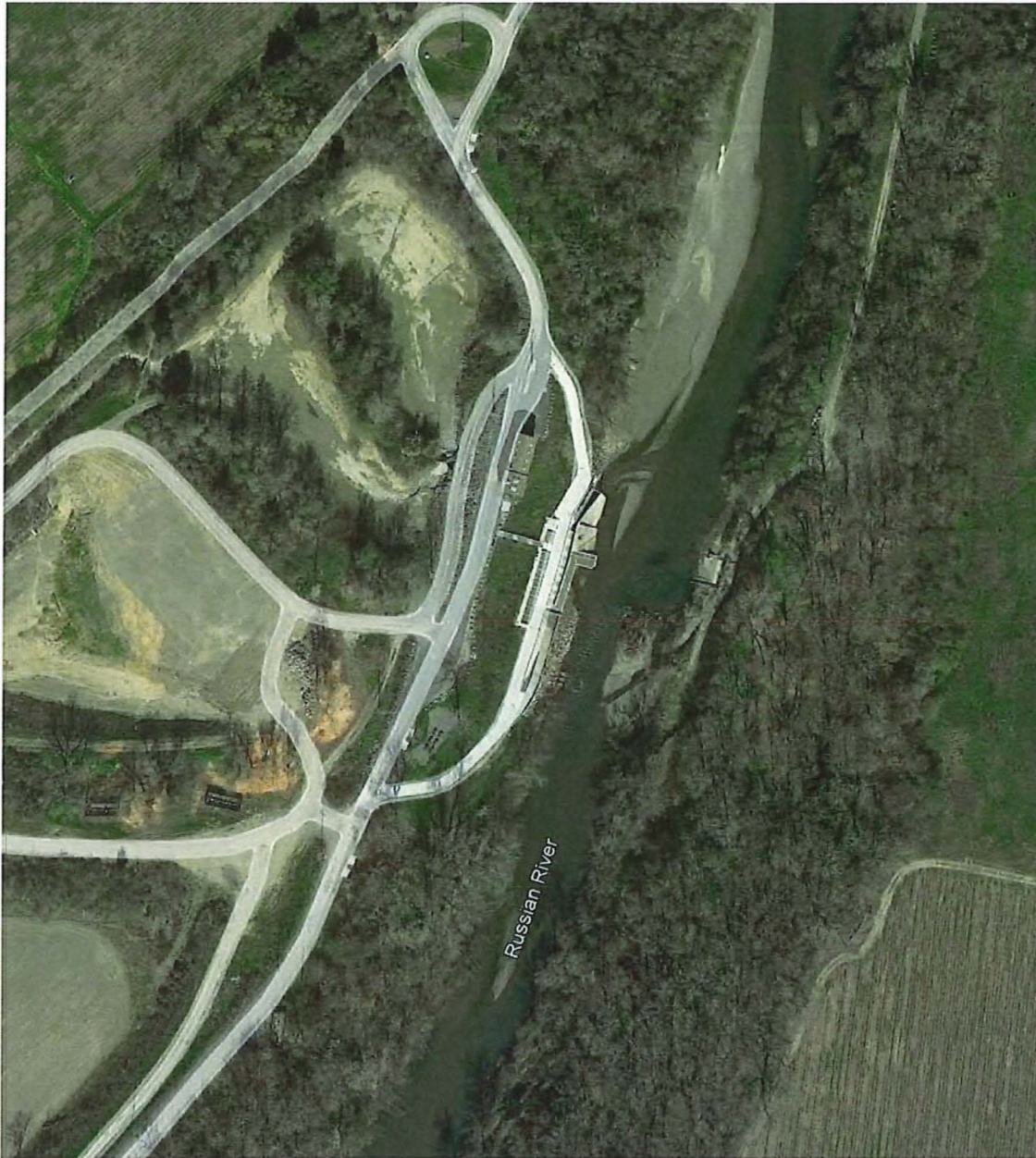
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Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

FIGURE 1. PROJECT LOCATION



Aerial photograph depicting project area from the Russian River. The yellow box indicates the approximate boundary of the project area. The image is from Google Earth and the image date is indicated as February 2018.