

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Prendergast Water Diversion (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-44395-R1C])

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, 10 miles northeast of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 17, Township 19N, Range 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Brushy Mountain U. S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 037-330-77-00; latitude 39.509880N, longitude 123.209177W within Eel River tributary to the Pacific Ocean.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-44395-R1C], pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Alejandra Prendergast, representing NCRM Inc..

The project is limited to one point of diversion of water from the Eel River to irrigate pasture under Water Right License No. 4965. The rate of diversion is proposed as 195 gallons per minute or 5% of the flow as measured at the gage on the Eel River near Fort Seward, USGS Gage No. 11475000, whichever is less. The season of diversion is proposed as May 15 through October 15 of each year. Appropriate fish screening is proposed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Alejandra Prendergast, Representing NCRM Inc.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1) -Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will be continuing a diversion previously under Agreement 1600-2018-0055-R1. Activities will be conducted to protect instream flows in the Eel River. 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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