

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Region 1  
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**Project Title:** Duffield Stream Crossing (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-44110-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The project to be completed is located within the Pacific ocean watershed, 3 miles west northwest of Gualala, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 13, Township 11N, Range 16W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Gualala U. S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number(s) 143-161-19-00; latitude 38.809491N, longitude 123.594020W within an unnamed tributary to Pacific ocean.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-44110-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Eric Mabry, representing Nevada Pacific Consulting Inc.

The project is limited to one encroachment for the replacement of a failed culvert with a new 48-inch diameter by 30-foot long countersunk culvert with a mitered inlet. Work for the encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, installation of a new properly sized and aligned culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion, and willow planting.

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


**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Eric Mabry, Representing Nevada Pacific Consulting Inc.

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Duffield Stream Crossing Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 – Existing Facilities, because the project involves replacing an existing stream crossing at a permanent road. No mature, scenic trees will be affected by this project. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. 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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