

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Northern Region
619 Second Street
Eureka, California 95501



Project Title: Tenmile Creek Stream Bank Erosion Prevention and Riparian Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-48677-R1C)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Tenmile Creek watershed, in and adjacent to the town of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Assessor's Parcel Numbers 014-260-21-00, 014-260-32-00, and 013-560-47-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-48677-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, which will be carried out by Patrick Higgins with the Eel River Recovery Project.

The project will result in habitat modifications in Cahto and Streeter Creeks. Cahto Creek modifications include strategic floodplain grading, recontouring an eroded bank at a 2:1 slope, installing one large wood and boulder bioengineered coir lift structure, and creating three large wood and boulder deflector structures. Overall, 29 pieces of large wood will be incorporated into the large wood and boulder structures in Cahto Creek, and only the minimum amount of large rock necessary to stabilize the large wood will be used. Willows (*Salix* spp.) and cottonwoods (*Populus* spp.) will be planted in the choir lifts and boulder deflectors to provide additional stability for the streambank. Additionally, riparian vegetation will be planted to stabilize the graded banks.

Streeter Creek habitat modifications include strategic floodplain grading, recontouring an eroded bank at a 2:1 slope, installing large wood and boulder bioengineered coir lift structures. Overall, 16 pieces of large wood will be incorporated into the large wood and boulder structures in Streeter Creek, and only the minimum amount of large rock necessary to stabilize the large wood will be used. Willows (*Salix* spp.) will be planted in the choir lifts to provide additional stability for the streambank. Additionally, riparian vegetation will be planted to stabilize the graded banks.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

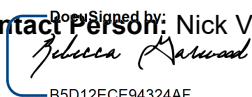
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: The Nature Conservancy

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: With the avoidance and minimization measures proposed by The Eel River Recovery Project, and the conditions in the LSAA, the restoration project is unlikely to have significant impacts to the environment. Additionally, the project will be less than 5 acres in size.

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