

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**Project Title:** Tenmile Creek Streambank Erosion Prevention & Riparian Restoration Project

**Project Location:** 39.744701, -123.529798; 39.67828, -123.485987; and 39.67688, -123.48677

**Project Location - City:** Laytonville

**Project Location - County:** Mendocino

**Description of Project:** The overall goals of the Project are to enhance salmonid habitat, reduce erosion and fine sediment delivery to watercourses, increase floodplain connectivity, and re-establish healthy riparian vegetation, which will be achieved the construction of multi-benefit restoration features comprised of large woody debris and boulders, bioengineered coir and soil lifts, and riparian planting.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Patrick Higgins, Eel River Recovery Project

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): (5268):
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption; Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions; State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project aims to address fine sediment sources using bio-engineered bank stabilization techniques and enhance instream habitat. It does not exceed five acres in size.

**Lead Agency Contact:** Jake Shannon

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 707-576-2673

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

**Signature:** JAKE SHANNON      **Date:** July 2, 2024      **Title:** Sr. Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_