

Notice of Exemption

To:

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From:

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Project Title: 3095 Westside Pond Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-43750-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Felta Creek, in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.576325°, Longitude -122.886193°; 3095 Westside Road, Healdsburg, CA, 95448; Assessor's Parcel Number 110-070-024.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-43750-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Craig Young.

The project is limited to the construction of a 1.56-acre-foot storage pond for fire protection. The pond will be located within a grassy swale that has a drainage area of approximately 4 acres. The pond will be located uphill of an existing ephemeral unnamed tributary in upland habitat and will not directly impact the stream during construction. The pond will capture flow before it enters the unnamed tributary and therefore impact the flow of water into the unnamed tributary. The pond will have a surface area at full capacity of approximately 0.27 acres and a maximum depth of 15 feet. Water will be collected via the construction of an earthen fill dam. The dam will measure approximately 9 feet long and 20 feet high. The swale will be graded to achieve the desired dimensions and slopes of the pond, with soil excavated for the pond site to be used to create the earthen dam. The pond is designed to fill up and then spill excess flow over the dam via a rock lined spillway. The bottom of the pond will be lined with gravel and cobble placed over a synthetic pond liner. An air diffuser will also be installed. No trees will be removed as part of this project. Impacts are restricted to the grassy swale where approximately 0.27 acres of upland habitat will be impacted through conversion to a pond. No temporary impacts to habitat will occur.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Craig Young

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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