

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Region 1

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Project Title: Dixon Parking Area Improvement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-44599-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the Big River watershed, 10 miles northeast of the City of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 22, Township 16N, Range (R) 14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Bailey Ridge U. S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number(s) 149-190-06-00; latitude 39.235153N, longitude 123.396442W within South Fork Big River, tributary to Big River and the Pacific Ocean.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPISMEN-44599-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jackie Dixon, representing California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) – Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District.

The project is limited to 1 encroachment for parking area improvements on the north side of Orr Springs Road at the top of the bank of South Fork Big River. The improvements will include a 100' long by up to 2' high concrete retaining wall topped with a 4.5' high wooden fence, 2,109 square feet of paved parking area, and 308 square feet of gravel path. In addition, erosion controls will be installed on the bank below the retaining wall.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) – Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Dixon Parking Area Improvement Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project is to improve existing parking facilities and direct California State Park Visitors toward developed State Park infrastructure. The project is limited to the existing parking area and the immediate adjacent areas currently affected by State Park visitor use of the parking area. 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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