

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Mendocino

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans - Eureka

1656 Union Street

Eureka, CA, 95501

(Address)

Project Title: Dunn Creek Drainage Restoration - Fish Passage Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 1 / PM 92.8

Project Location - City: Unincorporated

Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will repair and install fish weirs in Dunn Creek to stabilize the channel, reduce sediment discharge, and improve fish passage in Dunn Creek. The work includes establishing an access road, dewatering the streambed, repairing, replacing, and constructing weirs and a key. Additional work includes armoring of the channel between weirs with engineered streambed material, recontouring the access road, revegetating any disturbed areas, and applying temporary erosion control to meet water quality requirements. Restoring drainage features and removing obstacles to fish passage in Dunn Creek will improve fish passage and address concerns expressed by CDFW.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14 CCR 15300 Class 33

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under Class 33 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects. This project would not exceed five acres in size and would assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. There are no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat. No hazardous materials at or around the project site would be disturbed or removed. The project would 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.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Terra McAuliffe

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-684-9805

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: Terra McAuliffe Date: 8/12/24 Title: Environmental Scientist - Coordinator

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____