

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Rine Stream Crossings, Stream Restoration and Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-51469-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately two miles southwest of the town of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 25, Township 15N, Range 13W, Base and Meridian; in the Ukiah U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 157-050-08 and 157-060-04; latitude 39.13211 N and longitude 123.23564 W at the first stream crossing (SC-1).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-51469-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jason Rine.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on July 31, 2024. The Project resulted from two CDFW Notice of Violation letters dated July 21 and September 9, 2022, and is limited to five (5) encroachments (Table 1). Four (4) encroachments are to install seasonal at-grade rock armored crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts (SC-3, SC-4), and installation of appropriately sized rock. The remaining encroachment (HAL-1) is to restore a stream channel to its natural channel alignment. Work for this encroachment will include installation of an 80-foot-long armored channel section to mitigate erosion and diversion potential, installation of erosion control measures, and revegetation with native plant species. Permittee shall implement revegetation as specified in Measure 2.8 of the Agreement. Resolution of the remaining violations will include cleanup and removal of unpermitted diversion infrastructure (WS-1, WS-2, WS-3, WS-10), creating a cut in the berm of a pond to render it incapable of water storage (HAP-1), and removal of trash, sediment, and other deleterious materials from Doolin Creek and its tributaries (PP-1, PP-2, PP-10). Permittee shall work with Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist Tim Dodson at Timothy.Dodson@wildlife.ca.gov to demonstrate the remaining violations are resolved.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Jason Rine

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Rine Stream Crossings, Stream Restoration and Remediation Project (Project) meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 because it consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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Signature:  Date: 10/1/2024

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