

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Northern Region  
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**Project Title:** Crews Micro-hydropower Water Diversion Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-53950-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 11 miles northwest of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Sections 21 and 28, Township 20N, Range 14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Longvale U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 036-060-47; latitude 39.56557 N and longitude 123.41829 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-53950-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Phil Crews.

The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment (Table 1). Encroachment 1 is for water diversion to an existing micro-hydropower generator from an unnamed tributary to Outlet Creek. Activities include operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure. Activities may also include work necessary to bring the existing diversion and associated infrastructure into compliance with this Agreement.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

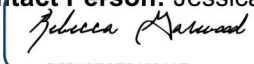
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Phil Crews

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Types – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15302 and 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Crews Micro-hydropower Water Diversion Project (Project) meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project consists of operation, repair, maintenance, and permitting of an existing private structures involving no expansion of existing or former use.

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