

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Roads to Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-49400-R3)

**Project Location (Napa):** The Project is located at an unnamed tributary to Americano Creek, an unnamed tributary to South Fork Gualala River; North Fork Lancel Creek, and Matanzas Creek, along nine roadway locations in Sonoma County identified by road name, mile marker (MM), and GPS coordinates:

- Bloomfield Road MM 10.010 to 10.015; 38.3105°N, -122.8514°W
- Fort Ross Road MM15.694; 38.5287°N, -123.1805°W
- Fort Ross Road MM15.855; 38.5265°N, -123.177°W
- Fort Ross Road MM 15.968; 38.5260°N, -123.1754°W
- Fort Ross Road MM 16.10; 38.5258°N, -123.1735°W
- Fort Ross Road MM 16.31; 38.5265°N, -123.1702°W
- Morelli Lane MM 10.494; 38.4278°N, -122.9532°W
- Morelli Lane MM 10.643; 38.4296°N, -122.9512°W
- Sonoma Mountain Road MM 24.141; 38.3661°N, -122.5914°W

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-49400-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoma County Public Infrastructure, as represented Hunter McLaughlin.

The Project is limited to unnamed tributary (ditch) maintenance via excavation, restoration activities for previously completed culvert replacements, and culvert replacement activities, as outlined below.

Project activities on **Bloomfield Road MM 10.010 to 10.015** are limited to excavation of a roadside unnamed tributary to Americano Creek. The Project will clear debris and sediment to improve flow.

**Project activities on Fort Ross Road include culvert replacements completed in September 2024** at the five locations above occurring on or near an unnamed tributary to the South Fork Gualala River: **Fort Ross Road MM 15.694** work consisted of removal and replacement of a 23-foot by 18-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) and removal and replacement of 49.5 square feet of rock slope protection (RSP). **Fort Ross Road MM 15.855** work consisted of removal of a 40-foot by 48-inch CMP and installation of a 40-foot by 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP). **Fort Ross Road MM 15.968** work consisted of removal of a 32-foot by 12-inch CMP and installation of a 32-foot by 18-inch CMP. **Fort Ross Road MM 16.10** work consisted of removal and replacement of a 40-foot by 18-inch CMP, removal and replacement of 81 square feet of RSP, and installation of one concrete straight headwall with a footprint of 9.5 feet by 10 inches. **Fort Ross Road MM 16.31** work consisted of removal of a 46-foot by 24-inch CMP and installation of a 35-foot by 24-inch CMP, and removal and replacement of 132 square feet of RSP.

Project activities at **Morelli Lane MM 10.494** are limited to the removal of a 31-foot by 12-inch CMP and installation of a 31-foot by 18-inch CMP, and removal and replacement of 63 square feet of RSP, on North Fork of Lancel Creek.

Project activities at **Morelli Lane MM 10.643** are limited to removal of a 25-foot by 12-inch RCP and installation of a

25-foot by 18-inch RCP, and installation of two concrete straight headwalls with footprints of 9.5 feet by 10 inches

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near the inlet and outlet of the culvert on North Fork of Lancel Creek.

Project activities at **Sonoma Mountain Road MM 24.141** are limited to removal and replacement of a 41-foot by 18-inch CMP, and removal of one California bay tree (*Umbellularia californica*) with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of four inches, on Matanza Creek.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sonoma County Public Infrastructure



**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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