

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Sischo Water Diversions, Pond and Stream Crossing Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-53428-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 5 miles SW of the town of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 14, T17N, R14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Greenough Ridge and Laughlin Range U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangles; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 147-052-19-00 and 147-052-09-00; latitude 39.326083 N and longitude 123.376720 W at the first point of diversion (POD-1).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-53428-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Teresa Sischo.

The Project is limited to four (4) encroachments. Two encroachments are for water diversion. POD-1 is a horizontal well used for cannabis irrigation and POD-2 is a spring for domestic use. Work for the water diversions will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The third encroachment is to upgrade an existing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. The fourth encroachment is for maintenance of an onstream pond, including rock armoring of the spillway to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Teresa Sischo

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Sischo Water Diversions, Pond and Stream Crossing Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves installation and use of a stream crossing at an existing crossing location, use and maintenance of two water diversions, and maintenance of one onstream pond. The project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

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